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MISS BATESON in this second volume has well sustained the repute that was gained by the first instalment of the valuable records of the borough of Leicester. The annotated extracts here printed from the corporation archives extend from 1327 to 1509, but with an unfortunate and prolonged gap. From 1380 to 1455 there is only a single dated record of borough legislation, whilst all records of the proceedings of the Merchant Gild from 1380 to 1465 are missing.

The introduction, of sixty pages, is a valuable and lucid account, based on the archives, of the relations of the burgesses to the king and to their lord, and of the general government of the town from the beginning of the reign of Edward III. to the end of that of Henry VII. The exceptional position of Leicester as part of the earldom and afterwards of the duchy of Lancaster naturally affected the character of its muniments. At a time when other boroughs might be able to show a fine series of royal charters, Leicester, notwithstanding the happy preservation of many of its early records, can produce but a single document of that character. During the long reign of Edward III. the only charter is one changing the date of the fair at the lord's request. In 1379 Richard II. granted an inspection of John's charter that confirmed to the borough a court of record for the conveyance of land. This exceptional action of the Crown towards Leicester came about through the king making an offer to confirm the borough charters in return for ship-money to equip a vessel of war, whereupon the borough officials seem to have sent in to the Patent Office the only royal charter that was of any real value. When Henry IV. came to the throne the



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the various franchises, and of the various franchises won by the burgesses, is excellently brought out in the introduction. Henry, Earl of Lancaster, who succeeded his rebel brother Thomas in 1324, is a prominent figure in the borough records, in consequence of his frequent residence at the castle of Leicester. At the opening of the reign of the young King Edward III. the town found itself in the thick of the struggle between the two rival parties in the State, the one under the leadership of the Earl of Lancaster as guardian of the king and chief of his council, the other under the sinister guidance of Queen Isabella and "Le Mortimer," as he is termed in the borough records of 1327. The town paid somewhat dearly for its privileges, for the mayoral accounts abound with payments made for the entertainment of

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PREFACE.

I AM glad to congratulate the Municipality of Leicester on the public spirit which has led to the publication of the earliest Records of their civic history. These Records are the most valuable of the possessions committed to their keeping; and to make them generally available is to discharge a public duty. It may be that "Open Spaces" affect a larger number than "Open Records." But there is no competition between these two objects of municipal forethought; they do not exclude one another. Records once published are accessible for all time, and books require no annual charge for their maintenance. They remain, and become increasingly useful when they deal with a subject of permanent importance.

The past history of the life of a great town must of necessity be of enduring interest to its citizens. Each generation must endeavour to keep alive and extend the sentiment of local patriotism. It is true that this sentiment is inspired by the sense of present needs; but it is well that it should be supported by a knowledge of the results of past activity. The position of any large centre of industrial life gains in dignity in the eyes of its citizens when they appreciate the labours of those who went before them. Local self-government is the root idea of England's political development;

and ideas must be understood if we are to maintain the activity which they inspired. It is increasingly apparent that we must learn from the experience of the past if we hope to face the problems of the future. Economic questions cannot be settled by good intentions ; we have to learn on a small scale how regulations failed or prospered before we can hope to make new ones with any prospect of success. Hence the publication of the contents of municipal Archives is not merely a boon to the archæological student or to the local antiquary ; it is a real contribution to the wise appreciation of those large principles of politics and economics to which we must always look for guidance in our practical endeavours to improve the structure of society. Leicester may be proud of the important contribution which its Records will make towards this high object.

There are few towns in England more interesting to the antiquary than is Leicester, few which have a longer history of continuous life. Its Roman remains, its occupation by the Danes, its military importance, and its ecclesiastical life can all be traced amid the bustle of the industrial life of to-day. But more interesting than these memorials of its outward history is the history of the life of the people who lived within its walls. This is to be gathered from the documents which are now made public with a care and completeness which leaves nothing to be desired. They show how the conception of a common life developed, and how its responsibilities were faced ; they show how Englishmen dealt with public business, and how the English temper of managing affairs was trained and disciplined. Miss Bateson's Introduction serves as a guide to the rich interest of the various

details which were connected with that process. It explains the chief lines of development which are to be traced through the technical language of the contemporary records. It is impossible to translate these details all at once into a popular sketch. This must be done by others who will piece together information on various subjects, and will show how the town's business was conducted, and what were the leading questions in civic politics at various epochs. Moreover there is ample material for a study of life and morals, for a vivid picture of the questions which perturbed our forefathers, and recur in altered forms in every phase of civilisation. It is a great thing to have made such an undertaking possible.

The present volume deals with the "origines" of Leicester. It ends at a period when civic activity becomes more pronounced and more modern. It is to be hoped that the reception accorded to these early records, which are most valuable to the student of municipal institutions, will lead to the publication of another volume, dealing with a period when things began to wear a shape with which we are more familiar.

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INTRODUCTION.

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IN the history of English boroughs Leicester is a peculiarly interesting example, because it deviated markedly and in many various respects from the normal type. During a brief period of its early history it was abnormal in as much as it was one of the Five Danish Burhs, and with Lincoln, Nottingham, Stamford, and Derby it shared a peculiar organization. Later again it was rendered abnormal by the fact that it was handed over by the King to the power of a great lord. Many county-towns knew what it was to have their castle in the hands of an Earl, but not many had in their midst an Earl who was lord also of the borough. Chester, Lancaster and Warwick are in this respect abnormalities parallel with Leicester; in the case of Chester only has any large part of the records been made accessible. Having fallen under the lordship of an Earl, the burgesses of Leicester continued to eschew normality, and allowed an exceptional relation to be established between their lord and themselves. Towns in a far humbler position than this important county-town made it their first endeavour to obtain the *Firma Burgi*, the right to farm the town revenues in return for a fixed composition. At Leicester there is no trace of any attempt to secure this, the commonest privilege of a free borough, until the middle of the fourteenth century. The *Firma Burgi* was leased by John of Gaunt to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses for a term of ten years in 1375.

Here again the abnormality of Leicester is not without a parallel, for the great and royal borough of Winchester was equally late in obtaining the grant¹. Leicester shews a further abnormality in as much as the burgesses appear to have had no chartered right to elect their officers; at least no record of any such charter has been preserved. It is abnormal too in the records it has preserved and the records it has lost. The almost total loss of the records of the Borough Court, when so much has been carefully cherished, makes it peculiarly difficult to decide the question, how were the functions of government distributed. The Merchant Gild rolls have been preserved in great perfection, and its developement was undoubtedly strong, abnormally strong it may well be, though it may be rash to assert this too dogmatically. For just as at Leicester the detailed information on the Merchant Gild's powers, and the absence of information on the Borough Court's powers, tend to make it natural to magnify the importance of the Leicester Merchant Gild, so the contrary tendency has perhaps manifested itself in boroughs which have lost evidence which Leicester has preserved, and have preserved evidence which Leicester has lost. The consideration of the differentiation and distribution of governmental functions will occupy a large space in this Introduction, for the question, where lay the governing power of the town, is an important one in the history of institutions. We must seek traces of a nascent corporation, a nascent town-council. At Leicester we shall find that the lines of differentiation and distribution are fairly clear. Financial control lay with the Merchant Gild. Whether or no Leicester was abnormal in this respect as in many others, and, if abnormal, which are the parallel cases, these, I believe, are matters which cannot be decided until the records of other boroughs have been rendered more completely accessible.

Having said this much of those features of Leicester history which are least commonly noticeable in the history of other towns, a few words are necessary to depict the borough during the period when it was most normal, the century before the Conquest; it was this period that did much to shape its ultimate history. After its absorption into the English Kingdom, on the fall of the Danish power, it became a normal English shire-stow or county-town of the Midland pattern, a 'burh' which the shire was bound to maintain, within whose walls men were protected by a special peace. It

¹ Pollock and Maitland, *Hist. Eng. Law*, 2nd Edit. I. 650.

became a 'burh' of the 'port' variety, for in it the commercial element was prominent. It had a Portmanmoot or borough court which did justice on the men within its walls; it was a market-town with a market-peace; it had a mint and a moneyer¹.

The Leicester 'burh' was part of a great Mercian earldom² and within the 'burh' it seems probable that at the Conquest Hugh of Grantmesnil was the Norman successor to the consular rights of his English 'antecessor.' He exercised there rights over men who lived within a walled rectangular space, divided by two main streets which crossed in the middle of the town and passed out of it by four gates, North, South, East and West. From North to South the walled space measured about 880 yards, from East to West 733 yards, the walls enclosing over 130 acres³. Three great open 'fields,' or sets of 'fields,' of arable land lay to the West, South and East of the walls, as the map shows; forest came near to the town on the North. The term 'campus' or 'field' it will be remembered was used in a sense the opposite of ours, for land that is *not* enclosed. The 'campus' had been broken up, as the lie of the land dictated, into patches, each the length of the furrow or plough-drive, and hence called 'furlongs,' 'quarentene' (p. 397)⁴. For the purpose of drainage the plough was used to turn up the soil in such a way as to form those waves or ridges called 'lands,' each of one rod in width, which are most familiar to modern eyes in the pastures that once were arable. Four of these 'lands,' or strips of a furrow's length, made an acre, and it was in visible acres of this sort that the original English settlers of Leicester took up their allotted shares. The strips had been so distributed that every landholder might have a portion in each part of the Field, that advantages or disadvantages of soil, or of distance from the dwelling-centre, should be as far as possible shared by all. The method of cultivation by a three-field system required that a landholder should have strips in each of the three Fields. The strips in one Field were ploughed at the same time, were sown with the same seed, and were reaped at the

¹ This is what Professor Maitland has lately taught us to look for, see *Domesday Book and Beyond* and *Township and Borough*. In much of what follows above I attempt to apply the illuminating suggestions contained in these works to the subject in hand.

² Green, *Conquest of England*, p. 500, speaks of the Leicester earldom as dissevered from the Mercian and given to Godwin's son Beorn, but proof of this is wanting and Freeman does not support the view. *Norman Conquest*, II. 557 sqq.

³ Cf. the 80 acres of Oxford, *Township and Borough*, p. 8. There are some interesting remarks on the great variations in the size of the walled space at Chester, Colchester, Chichester, Cirencester, Exeter, and Rochester in an article on Colchester by Dean Merivale in the *Quarterly Review*, June 1855.

⁴ Or wongs, p. 392, cf. the German 'Gewann.'

same time. After harvest the stubbles of the Field became the common pasture-ground of all the landholders. At a later date, we hear of three tracts in the South Fields¹, and of three in St. Margaret's Fields²; there may be here an indication that subsequently the three-field system was applied within the limits of each of the three original Fields.

Domesday Book says that in the time of King Edward Leicester paid £30 by tale to the Danegeld. If we think of it as paying £1 on every 120 acres, or what was deemed for fiscal purposes to be 120 acres or a hide, we put 3600 fiscal acres into Leicester. It was deemed to contain 3960 real acres in 1835³.

The Leicester of Domesday Book stood, as a free borough should, on no man's land and in no Hundred⁴. The three Hundreds of Goscote⁵, Guthlaxton⁶ and Gartree came down to, but not over, its fields⁷. Leicester sent twelve burgesses to fight by land in the King's host, or four packhorses to carry goods if he went by sea. King William got from the city and county (the county was paying to the Sheriff at Leicester it would seem) £42 10s. by weight, with payments for a hawk and packhorse, and from the moneyers £20 by tale. Of these

¹ Enclosure Act, 44 Geo. III. c. 16. Thompson *Leicester* II. 89. There is some indication that the names were Rawdykes Field, Gallowtree Field and St Mary's Field.

² Enclosure Act, 4 Geo. III. c. 14. The names then were Conduit, Middle and Nether Field.

³ But the report of March 1831 gave 25-2600 acres. Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary* again gives 325 acres, probably to the rateable borough, which is indicated on the map. The Report of the Commissioners on Municipal Corporations 1835 states that "The limits of the borough of Leicester comprehend the parishes of All Saints, St Martin and St Nicholas, parts of the parishes of St Mary, St Margaret and St Leonard, and White and Blackfriars which are extra-parochial. The borough is by no means coextensive with the town. The limits appear to be well-known for the purpose of rates but are not laid down in any official plan or document, nor are they ever perambulated. The remainder of the town is comprehended in what is termed the Liberties. The liberties comprise the parts of the parishes of St Mary, St Margaret and St Leonard not within the borough and the hamlet or township termed the Newark, and include a part of the town called the Castle View. The liberties are bounded by parish boundaries which are well-known and defined and are regularly perambulated at intervals of three years. The liberties extend about half a mile (!) round the town and enclose it on all sides," xxv. p. 1884.

⁴ Cf. *Township and Borough*, p. 41.

⁵ East and West Goscote had been divided not very long before the historian Burton wrote.

⁶ Sparkenhoe was according to the Leicester historians not a separate Hundred till 1346, yet on p. 233 of these records its jury figures with the juries of other Hundreds in 1300. It is not mentioned in Domesday, nor in any of the inquests by Hundreds printed in Nichols, and the date of division has yet to be discovered. Like the other Leicester Hundreds it was early a deanery. See the record of 1220, Nichols I. i. p. LV. sqq.

⁷ But in the fifteenth century it appears that Leicester paid tallage as part of Guthlaxton. When it escheated to the king in 1265 it paid temporarily as part of Guthlaxton.

£20 Hugh of Grantmesnil had the third part either as Earl or as Sheriff¹. The King had 39 houses in Leicester, perhaps built and maintained by him, perhaps those of burgesses who commended themselves to him for his protection. Hugh of Grantmesnil had 17 houses attached to three of his manors; two distant Abbeys had 13 houses, and the Archbishop of York, two, with "sac and soc," belonging to a manor of his. From all of these the King had his geld. Hugh of Grantmesnil had 110 houses (perhaps as comital land); he shared with the King (the geld of) 24 houses in the borough.

Besides these, Hugh had 98 houses or burgesses belonging to 17 of his manors; of their geld nothing is said, and perhaps they gelded with those manors. He had 6 houses waste². Then follow other lesser lords who owned a few houses, and jurisdiction over them lay in their neighbouring manors. Two lords had one burgess.

Countess Judith had 28 houses, and outside the borough walls she had 6 carucates (land deemed to be equal to 720 acres) "belonging to the borough." The men who tilled those acres it would seem chose her to protect them and answer for their gelds in return for their service. Concerning the Bishop of Lincoln's fee, Domesday Book says nothing under the heading "*Civitas³ de Ledecestre*."

When Hugh died, his son Ivo inherited his office⁴. The historian Ordericus Vitalis, who knew the Grantmesnil family well, describes Leicester in 1101 as under four masters, the King, the Bishop of Lincoln, Earl Simon of Senlis (Earl of Huntingdon and Northampton), and Ivo, who farmed the King's fourth. Simon represented the Countess Judith⁵. In that year Ivo, who was the "first to introduce the horrors of private war in England," plundered and destroyed Leicester and fell under a heavy fine. He turned for help to Robert de Beaumont, Count of Meulan, one of Henry I.'s chief counsellors, and put himself under his protection. He agreed to pledge his lands to the Count for fifteen years, if he would lend him money for a crusade, and reconcile

¹ *Domesday Book and Beyond*, p. 197. He was sheriff of Leicestershire, and was never styled Earl of Leicester. The third penny of the revenues of the borough was held as a rule by the Earl, though occasionally by the Sheriff. Round, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 289.

² There was no destruction of Leicester in 1068 as was once supposed. Round's *Feudal England*, p. 456.

³ Meaning county-town, *Hist. Eng. Law*, I. 625.

⁴ As Mr Round has observed, Ordericus, while calling him "*municeps Leycestric*," "*firminus regis*," does not style him "*vicecomes*."

⁵ Stubbs, *Cons. Hist.* I. 444, speaks of him as representing the Mercian Earls, but in Domesday it is Hugh who seems to occupy this position, and Simon is not mentioned. Simon married the daughter of Earl Waltheof and received Waltheof's earldoms.

him with the king. Ivo died on the way to Palestine, and Robert kept the lands. "By royal favour and his own address he got the whole place into his own hands, and being created 'consul' in England, his wealth surpassed that of any other peer of the realm"; so says Ordericus. That he was never styled Earl in his lifetime seems certain.

To further consolidate his power, Robert married his daughter to Simon of Senlis' son, and in all likelihood thus obtained one missing quarter, for nothing further is heard of a Huntingdon or Northampton fee at Leicester. The Bishop of Lincoln's fee alone exposed Robert's lordship to any serious rivalry within the limits of the borough. Whether the burgesses over whom the Bishop had control would continue to be, as they had been, fiscally detached from the borough, was still in doubt. With the exception of the Bishop's Fee, Robert of Meulan left the whole town as a borough in demesne to the Earls of Leicester, his descendants. Leicester had been mediatized, and for the time being the Earl stood to the burgesses in the place of the King.

The second Robert, Robert le Bossu, was Chief Justiciary of England and in the King's absence was his viceroy. By his marriage with Amicia, granddaughter of William Fitzosbern, Earl of Hereford, the fief of Breteuil fell as her dower to the house of Leicester. Now the borough of Breteuil¹ gave its customs to the English boroughs of Shrewsbury², Hereford³, Lichfield⁴, Rhuddlan⁵, Preston⁶, among others, and through them to many more. Possibly the Earl's knowledge of the customs of the Norman burghers of Breteuil may have guided him in his treatment of Leicester.

With these preliminary words we may attack the municipal records. For clearness these will be dealt with in groups as they treat of the relations of the King and the borough, of the Earl and the borough, or of the burgesses and their methods of local government.

¹ Gross, following the mistakes of Eyton, Owen and Blakeway and others, has wrongly ascribed the influence of Breteuil to Bristol in the cases here named. *Gild Merchant*, I. 245 sqq.

² *Rot. Chart.* p. 142. Eyton's *Shropshire*, IV. 318 where Bretolium is wrongly translated Bristol.

³ Owen and Blakeway, I. 89, where again Bretolium is translated Bristol.

⁴ *Abbrev. Plac.* p. 102.

⁵ *Domesday Book*, I. 269.

⁶ Prof. Maitland has suggested to me that the Lex Bretonum of the Preston Custumal is perhaps a distorted reference to the Breteuil custom. The derivation given in Delisle and Le Prévost's *Mémoire du dép. de l'Eure* would support this. So also the Welshpool charter. Gross, II. 389. I hope to treat at length of the Breteuil Custom elsewhere.

I. *The King and the Borough.* The King had not left himself without a residue of rights. At least outside the borough limits he had privileges to part with, and in a charter (p. 1) he freed all the Earl's men (whether of the borough or not), from any newly created Oxford tolls. The Earl too was still of course his man, and if he were unfaithful, the borough might be forfeited to the King. In 1173, the third Robert, Robert Blanchesmains, joined the rebellion against Henry II., and the King's army took first the town and then the castle. In punishment the knights of the Leicester Honour paid a great aid to the King. In 1177 the Earl was restored.

King John (p. 36) granted the Earl a charter that set on record the privileges of the Honour and town. He was "quit of shires as well as hundreds," nothing was due from him to any national burden beyond the service of knights. He was "quit of the pence that belong to frankpledge," and the sons of his men would pay their small fees of admission to him. He would collect toll; he would capture and hang and seize the chattels of hand-having thieves caught within his territory; the penalties for bloodshed and for fighting would be taken by him. He was "quit of Sheriff's aid, and tallage, and geld, and danegeld," he might tallage his men when the King tallaged his. The assizes of bread and beer he would claim by prescriptive right.

King John, the great charter-monger, had always on hand a stock of promises to check abuses, promises which were saleable. He ordered that the burgesses of Leicester should trade unhindered "saving to us and others the just and due customs." He granted the royal sanction to all purchases and sales of lands made in the Portmanmoot. The conveyance of land in the borough court was not then first beginning, but it was well that this practice should be sanctioned by royal charter.

On the death of the fourth Robert, Earl Robert Fitzparnel, in 1204, the Honour of Leicester was divided between the husbands of his two daughters, Simon de Montfort, Count of Rochfort, and Saer de Quency, Earl of Winchester. Several schemes had been before King John¹, but it appears that these were set aside, in favour of a division which gave to each husband 60½ Knight's fees, with a fifth of another. To

¹ In 1204-5 John planned to separate the Grantmesnil honour from the Earl's honour, and to give it to the Bishop of Lincoln. If this had been carried out the borough would have fallen under the Bishop. But in 1205-6, the Grantmesnil Honour had been given to Petronilla, or Parnel, the Earl's mother, resumed by the king and granted to Saer, again to be resumed for the redivision between Saer and Simon 1206-7. Nichols, I. i. 100, and p. cxxxvi.

Simon went the third penny "unde ipse comes est¹." In 1208-9, Saer paid for livery of the moiety of Leicester suburb (no doubt outside the East Gate), which was to be divided by a jury. The Winchester fee was divided between three coheiresses, the wife of William de Ferrars, the wife of Alan le Zouche, and the wife of Alexander Comyn. The Ferrars estate came to the Greys of Groby, and one of the later records² gives the rental of an unnamed Lord de Grey, shewing large possessions in Leicester, some of which may have come from the Winchester source. In the Post Mortem Inquest on the fees of Roger de Quency³, Saer's heir, it does not however appear that he held anything in Leicester or the Leicester fields. The estate of Zouche de Mortimer came through his wife to Robert de Holande, the Earl of Leicester's tenant⁴, often mentioned in the present volume. In Nichols' day⁵ courts for the Winchester fees were still being held at Leicester, Nuneaton and sometimes at Syston.

During the reign of John, the Leicester Honour was at least twice forfeited; in 1215 it was given into the charge of Simon's nephew Ralph Earl of Chester, for the benefit of Simon. Simon died in 1218, and it fell again into Ralph's charge. During this episode Henry III. granted to the men of the borough a change in the day of their fair⁶. On the death of the Earl of Chester (by which one of the Leicester Merchant Gild rolls is dated, p. 31), it seems that the great Earl Simon de Montfort came to his Leicester inheritance, but it is not known exactly when he was first styled Earl. He calls himself Earl in a charter of 1239 (p. 38) and the undated charter (p. 39) in which he calls himself "dominus" should precede it⁷.

As one very near to the King, Earl Simon was able to secure the royal sanction to a change in the Leicester law of inheritance. At the wish of all the burgesses, Leicester received the law of the land, and changed the inheritance of the youngest son for primogeniture. As Professor Maitland has suggested⁸, the men of Leicester may have desired to have the law of freemen, in order to dissociate themselves from a custom which now belonged commonly to villein tenure. Three years later, Henry III. made Leicester burgesses free from all royal "prise." Whatever of their goods the King's servants might henceforth require in any fair or market for the King's use was to be paid for at the seller's price.

¹ Nichols, I. i. 40, App., 8 John, 10 March. Cf. Round's *Mandeville* pp. 293, 295.

² Box 9. No. 209.

³ *Cal. Inq. Post Mort.* 1. 37, 55 Hen. III.

⁴ And Justiciar of Chester, see *Parl. Writs*, 1309, II. i. 385.

⁵ IV. ii. 624 App.

⁶ *Cal. Rot. Cart.* No. 44.

⁷ The date of investiture was Feb. 2, 1239.

⁸ *Hist. Eng. Law*, I. 279-80.

The general amercement by the King in 1262 (p. 98) is the first mention of a royal fine paid by the borough. The cause of it is not named. On Simon's death at Evesham, 1265, the borough escheated¹, and a penalty of 500 marks was laid upon the burgesses "for themselves, and the Bishop's tenants, and the tenants of the Abbot of Leicester²." With that "redemption" the burgesses bought back their liberties. The King made his second son, Edmund, their Earl, and through him the borough got the right which nearly all the boroughs were buying, that the goods of a burgess should not be seized in payment of those debts of other burgesses of their borough for which he had not incurred any personal responsibility. But the right of seizure held, if it could be proved that the borough-court had failed to do justice. In that case one burgess might have to pay for the sins of his fellow-burgesses.

This charter ends the sequence of royal grants preserved at Leicester, as far as the first period is concerned. Once more the King became the immediate lord of Leicester, in 1322-4, after Thomas of Lancaster's rebellion, when the fine of £200 was exacted (p. 333). But although Leicester was a mediatised borough, lapsing only by forfeiture into the hands of the King, its relation to the King steadily drew nearer to that of the free boroughs which had never fallen under a lordship, and away from the dependent boroughs. In 1295 it was sending representatives to the national council³, and from that time it fell under the burden of national taxation. Concerning the manner in which this change was effected, more will be said below.

II. *The Earl and the Borough.* i. *Manorialism in the Fields.* The transfer of royal and comital rights to Robert of Meulan made him lord of all who held land in the borough fields, with one exception. He had a rival in the Bishop of Lincoln whose holding broke the completeness of his Honour on its Eastern side. What was the *Bishop's Fee*? Before attempting an answer, it will be well to set forth the few facts, ancient and modern, which are known concerning it. Domesday Book shows the Bishop holding 10 carucates of land "in Leicester" which are so far separated from the borough that they are not dealt with under the borough heading. This land

¹ Nichols, I. i. App. 35, quoting an Inquest of 1265, shows Robert of Grendon, one of the Inquisitors, answering for the borough under Guthlaxton Hundred, as in the hand of the King, with all demesne rents and issues, yearly worth £154. 0s. 4d.

² Nine burgesses within the walls, and five without, had been given to the abbey of St Ewreux and by exchange they were given to St Mary's abbey. Nichols, I. i. 48.

³ For purposes of special consultation its burgesses were summoned with those of the largest and freest towns, cf. *Parl. Writs*, Sep. 1296 and Nov. 1296, I. 49, 50.

however is not grouped under another hundred; it is not stated to lie in Gartree, the hundred that adjoined it. If we may picture the 10 carucates as 1200 fiscal acres, this number approaches the number of real acres in St Margaret's Fields (1020 acres)¹. The parish of St Margaret was till quite lately coextensive with those Fields. All the acres in them paid tithe to St Margaret's church. The Bishop's Fee, as a rateable area distinct from the borough, was in modern times nearly coextensive with St Margaret's parish.

The Enclosure Act of 4 Geo. III. c. 14 set forth that Lord William Manners was lord of the manor of the common fields of St Margaret; that he owned 18 out of its 34 yardlands (1020 acres). The prebendary of St Margaret had four more, the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses and certain others owned the rest. Those who paid levies and taxes in St Margaret's parish, though they owned no lands in the fields, had common over them from harvest to Dec. 11.

Domesday gives the number of Bishop's burgesses as 17, and it is clear that they were not paying their "geld" with the borough. Before the death of Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln (1147), Robert Bossu gave ten burgesses within the walls, with houses and lands, free of gavels and aids and all exactions, with "sac and soc" and all rights over them, to the Bishop, as satisfaction for damage done. The names of the ten burgesses are given². In 1138 there were 32 burgesses dwelling on the Bishop's manor³.

The Earl's desire for consolidation and the difficulty in securing it are obscurely indicated in a charter of 1204, by which the Bishop and Earl Robert Fitzparnel in agreement made a grant to the abbey of St Mary de Pratis⁴. It appears that Robert le Bossu had attempted to exchange Westcotes in the West Field for the Bishop's manor of Knighton together with the East suburb. There had been further dispute, and Fitzparnel and the Bishop agreed to give the abbey both Westcotes and Knighton, "excepting the burgesses within and without the walls of Leicester, belonging to Knighton fee." Apparently the Bishop of Lincoln after 1086 had attached his burgesses to his manor of Knighton, and this association Robert le Bossu's exchange had been powerless to break. The Bishop's control of his burgess-tenants was not injured by this charter. Although he

¹ Enclosure Act, 4 Geo. III. c. 14.

² Nichols, I. i. App. no. viii. Sweyn fil. Thedric, Stori fil. Sache, Walraven, Rob. Fine, Will. fil. Raven, Daired ad portam, Erners vicinus suus, Osmund fil. Symonis, Bruning, Rob. Schlene.

³ *Ib.* p. 25.

⁴ Nichols, II. ii. App. p. 258, and p. 59. *Rot. Cart.* p. 125, and *Monasticon* VI. 468.

no longer held the whole manor of Knighton or Westcotes, he had enough tenants in Leicestershire to keep up a manor-court in Leicester¹.

The conflict between the borough and the Bishop's Fee went on, and the borough appears to have gradually recovered rateable area. The line on the map which marks the rateable borough of 1828 shows that by no means all the East suburb, nor quite all that had been St Margaret's Fields, then lay in the Bishop's Fee. Belgravegate remained attached to the borough. Its adhesion to the borough was in 1322 (p. 331) a matter of anxious concern, when report spread that it was about to subtract itself from the borough and attach itself to the county, that is, to pay taxes with Gartree Hundred as the Bishop's burgesses in Humberstonegate were doing². That the borough had gained in the thirteenth century is made clear by an inquest of 44 Henry III. which records that all outside the East Gate used to answer with the Hundred of Gartree, but for forty years past it is subtracted into the liberty of the borough by William de Dingle the Earl's bailiff, except the part of the Bishop of Lincoln³. In 1279 an Inquest reported that the Bishop had 2 carucates (probably in demesne) and there were in the suburb 20 messuages held of the Bishop of Lincoln.

These are the statements upon which it is required to shape an answer to the questions, what was the extent of the Bishop's lordship in the thirteenth century? how far was the whole Eastern Field manorialized? That a large manor had intruded itself upon the Field is clear, but it is also clear that the underlying burghal element is not obliterated. The Bishop has a group of tenants clustered in the East suburb, along Humberstonegate, and on both sides of Churchgate. He has near St Margaret's church his grange⁴, and his demesne lands, whose produce goes to his barns, lie round it. His free and villein tenants till his lands and owe suit to his court. But he cannot ignore the ancient fact that the whole area of the Fields is within the burghal jurisdiction. His burgess tenants went of old to the burghal court to execute their deeds of conveyance, to bring their actions, and will continue to do so. He is not anxious

¹ The church of St Margaret was always treated as in the borough. Nichols, I. i. p. lv.

² Cf. Nichols, I. i. p. xlvi.

³ Nichols, IV. ii. p. 556 App. and cf. *Hundred Rolls* I. 237, where Gartree Hundred complains that a number of tenants, outside the East part of Leicester, of lands that were geldable, have subtracted suit from the Hundred.

⁴ Nichols, I. i. p. cxx. The Bishop's grange was close to St Margaret's church, see the Lincoln charters in the Muniments of the Dean and Chapter D ii. 73. 2.

to convert his burgesses into non-burgesses, for some tenants with commercial interests and burghal privileges are profitable to him. He is deeply interested in their relation to the taxable area of the borough, as will be shewn below; he desires to detach his fee from the taxable area of the borough, but he does not propose to, perhaps he cannot, put a ring-fence about it. As the features of manorialism are obliterated under economic and legal changes, this fiscal detachment, together with the parochial unity of the Eastern Field, gives the Bishop's Fee another and an enduring integrity, more geographically complete, it seems, than its original manorial integrity.

In the *West Fields* also manorialism was at work. The "Brune-stanestorp" of Domesday, identified with Bromkinsthorpe, appears as a hamlet which "lies with all its customs" in Leicester¹. The question whether or no Bromkinsthorpe lay in the borough or not is repeatedly raised in these records. It appears to have included both Westcotes, which was given to the abbey by the Earl, and Danett's Hall, called originally Walsh Hall. Here the Waleys or Walsh family, often mentioned in these pages, early became great landlords holding of the Earl. An inquest of 1279 records that in Bromkinsthorpe there were 31 virgates (roughly speaking perhaps 930 acres) of Simon de Montfort's fee. The abbot of Leicester, William le Waleys, and Simon Danet were the tenants. In 1296 the lordship of Bromkinsthorpe was held in fee of the Honour of Leicester by R. Danet. But "the free tenants of Leicester" still had holdings in the West Fields; the Inquest of 24 Edward I.² gives them one carucate, in fee of the Honour, being held of William le Waleys, and by him of the Earl. The tithes of Westcotes went to St Mary's abbey, but those of Bromkinsthorpe to the castle church of St Mary. Bromkinsthorpe owed suit at the View of Frankpledge held for the Honour, and in the 15th century it was assessed to the subsidies with the borough. In later times it became known as the liberty of St Mary, and Curtis gives it 500 acres. In 1828 no part of the West Fields was included in the rateable borough, except the island called the Bedehouse Meadows.

Besides these portions of the Fields manorialized by the Bishop, the Abbey, the Earl, or by private persons, the Earl was further making part of the soil of the *South Fields* into demesne, and

¹ Nichols, I. i. p. xlvi, quotes an "old roll," undated, which shows Braunstone, Lubbesthorpe and Bromkinsthorpe answering as one vill. So also an Itinerary of 1280. Nichols, II. ii. 565.

² Nichols, IV. ii. 565.

was enclosing the best pieces of meadow-land, the Cowhay, the Oxhay, and it would seem also Taskholme¹, in which perhaps some great burgess Taske² had bought strips lying together and made for himself a meadow. In taking the Cowhay perhaps the Earl had gone beyond what was reasonable, for he agreed to allow the burgesses what may be the recovery of an ancient right, in return for a trifling rent. He gave free passage through his demesne³ to the Cowhay, and for a present and 3*d.* a year per beast, he suffered the free burgesses "dwelling within certain limits" to depasture there. Again, in 1239, Simon de Montfort speaks of the burgesses of Leicester enfeoffed in this pasture, namely "of those to whom it ought rightfully to belong" (p. 38). He insists on the pence as before, but in return for a valuable colt, he promises to depasture none of his own cattle there. The burgesses' rights in the Cowhay were to be the subject of many future disputes. The Cowhay was no doubt that Cow Pasture, or rather a part of it, which was one of the principal "Burgess Meadows" described in the act for the enclosure of the South Fields.

ii. *The Burgesses' services.* About 1200 the burgesses of Leicester were buying themselves free of payments in lieu of agricultural services on the Earl's manor. They had paid certain pence yearly for the reaping of his corn lands, and the payment was now to be remitted. Whether this custom came with the creation of the 'Honour' or was paid by the old comital sokemen of Leicester there is nothing to show. As the Earl words it, it looks like a tax levied on each of his Leicester burgesses. Further he remitted the pence taken for cows found "damage feasant" within his fence, and the tax on carts carrying corn from Leicester to mills that were not his. Earl Simon, confirming the grant (p. 39), adds that he will not keep the beasts found "damage feasant" in his close, for ward done or for custom, that is to say, he will not use them as a means to distrain for other services. In the matter of milling right he was less liberal. If the milling could be done without delay at his Leicester mills, corn might not be taken to other mills without paying him his usual proportion of corn ground. He had bakehouse rights, perhaps over all burgesses. The Countess conveyed the oven-suit of the men outside the South Gate, saving the suit of her customary tenants bound to bakehouses within the town, and saving the liberty of her burgesses outside the Gate, who may have had furnace of their

¹ Holme = meadow or rising ground near water. Stevenson's *Nottingham*, I. 434.

² See Index.

³ Probably the future Cowdrift, see map.

own¹. In 1375, when John of Gaunt was parting with much for hard cash², he kept his dues from mills and ovens and waters.

iii. *The Burgesses' rents.* John of Gaunt reserved further the rents levied by the Castle Porter and the escheat of free tenements. Now in the Post Mortem inquest of 1327 the Earl's rents of free tenements are stated to be worth £24, in 1361, £29. 17s. 10½d.; these rents were an important item of the Earl's power, and perhaps were more considerable in amount than these sums appear, for the Earls had been freely distributing their rents among the religious foundations³. It is clear that the Earl's rents from free tenements must be distinguished from his "gafol" or "govilpeniis," a charge of 3d. yearly from every house that had a gable on the High Street⁴, concerning which the jurors of 1253 have an interesting story (p. 40). They reported that this 3d. was paid in return for a burghal franchise conferred by "Robert of Meulan Earl of Leicester," a franchise which should exclude the new Norman procedure of trial by battle, and should allow the burgesses to submit all pleas to the judgment of twenty-four Jurats "who were appointed in Leicester of old time." Like the other Danish 'burhs' Leicester may have had of old a group of hereditary law-men⁵, but it must be remembered that the story is late; yet the statement that an important borough franchise was purchased for a fixed light rent from the ancient holdings, the houses on the four main streets leading to the four gates, may well contain a real truth⁶. From the Earl's point of view the light "cens" confirmed his "droit éminent" over the original nucleus of free holdings.

The point of the account of the duel, which led to this bargain, hinges on the importance that was attached to the forms which required that the issue of the fight should be determined solely

¹ Cf. the Preston custumal which gave the burgess the right to make an oven on his ground, and take a small furnace.

² In the charter granting the Firma Burgi.

³ As appears in the 15th century rentals.

⁴ It seems to me not to be open to doubt that the Jurats described correctly the payment from which they sought to be relieved. It has been thought that the Jurats had a false derivation of "gablum" in their minds when they thus defined the payment, but the word used is always (pp. 40-2, 47, 66) govel- or govilpeniis, not gable- or even gavelpeniis. On the element of fabrication which enters into the Jurats' account of the redemption of this payment and of Bridge-silver see Round's *True Story of the Leicester Inquest* in the *Antiquary* xi. 63-7. Cf. further *Eng. Hist. Review* v. 141, 523.

⁵ *Hist. Eng. Law*, i. 638, 2nd edit. Palgrave, *English Commonwealth*, ii. p. ccxcv. Lappenberg, *Eng. under the Anglo-Saxon kings*. Gross i. xix. ii. 57.

⁶ Cf. *Hist. Eng. Law*, i. 640, note 1, 2nd edit.

by the relative strength of the combatants. On the occasion of a long duel between two kinsmen, one of them, prompted by kindly feeling, influenced the issue of the fight by speaking, to warn his opponent of danger behind him. A riot followed, and the burgesses pressed for the abolition of the new procedure, which had proved itself thus faulty, in favour of the old procedure by compurgation, witness or ordeal. In return, so they say, they pay "Govel-pence." Govel-pence were redeemed in 1253, together with Bridge-silver, for the small sum of £2. 16s. 8d. of annual rent, and the method of redemption needs some explanation.

The undated charter No. XXXII. should be read in conjunction with No. XXII., and seems to be the earlier transaction. It appears that what the Earl was concerned to obtain, in exchange for Bridge-silver and Govel-pence were certain *haw-gafols* and *land-gafols*, house and land rents, still wanting to complete his lordship, rents going out of Leicester perhaps to one of the manors that had burgesses in Leicester when Domesday Book was written. Some land in the South Fields, belonging to Sir Andrew Lutterel, he had obtained, but it was subject to a rent payable to Simon de Salcey. For £22 the burgesses bought that rent from Simon de Salcey and handed it over to the Earl, as part of the fine paid in redemption of Govel-pence and Bridge-silver. The same thing perhaps happened in the case of the 16s. 8d. of rent from 15 holdings within and without the walls (p. 47). The same tenants paid rent as of old, but the burgesses had bought the rents of the owners and transferred them to the Earl. The tallage levied on the community to redeem Bridge-silver and Govel-pence produced £18. 7s. and was spent, we may suppose, in this way.

When the men of Leicester are divided as either Bishop's or Earl's tenants (pp. 191, 199), when the agricultural services of burgesses are spoken of, it may look as if the borough had been not only mediatised but manorialized, as if the burgesses did not merely hold of an Earl or a Bishop, and not of the King, but formed two proprietary agrarian units of the manorial type, in which the lord's land was cultivated by freehold or villein tenants, who owed suit to his court. But the ancient burghal element triumphed. Edmund's charter (p. 166) acknowledged that of old it had been the custom that neither the lord of the town nor any other might make forcible entry on his tenants' fees to distrain for service due, unless he first obtained the sanction of the "court of the town." And of villein tenants there is no mention.

iv. *The Burghal Courts.* The charter (p. 4) in which the Earl guaranteed to the borough the continuance of the Portmanmoot, though all its profits would continue to be his, made a manorial Leicester impossible. The Portmanmoot or Portmoot was not a court of, and for, the Earl's tenants. The court of the castle, which was such a court, and the borough court, which was not, remained two and distinct, though the borough was parcel of the Honour. The grant of the Portmoot was made to "his burgesses of Leicester and to all who desire to be of their community." These persons the Earl released "from all things belonging to hundred and heriot," that is he freed them from suit outside the walls of Leicester and from the death-duty which their English ancestors had paid. Their pleas were to be held in the town-churchyard¹ as of old time was accustomed. The Earl, acting in a truly royal fashion, and omitting even the usual safe-guarding clauses, thus cut away from the outlying manors the suit of tenants who were not his, but he did not propose to prevent himself, or the Bishop of Lincoln, or any other, from holding manor courts of, and for, his tenants within the borough. Such courts continued (pp. 120, 121). The Portmanmoot was described by the commissioners of 1835 as a court of record for real, personal and mixed actions to any amount, held weekly or oftener if need be. The court was then little used, the costs being great, sufficient to deter parties from proceeding in cases where the debt was small; and where the debt was larger a superior court was preferred, as the defendant could always remove the action from the Portmanmoot by *certiorari*. In 1377 it was sitting as a rule weekly, or less often at feast-times. To this court went the burgesses and all who desired to be of their community, who 'bore the burden' with them and bought a share in their franchise; also the stranger within the gates, though probably he would be on a less favoured footing as regards the value of his oath and the number of his compurgators².

Within the present volume there falls only one short and much abbreviated Portmoot roll (p. 116); but from Edmund Crouchback's charter (p. 150), parts of the Coroners' Rolls (p. 357) and other references, a good deal of light on its procedure can be obtained. The Earl it appears could, if he chose, claim cognizance of actions brought against those who held of him in chief (p. 155), but Edmund's

¹ The scribe uses a mysterious word which it seems impossible to explain in any other way.

² Cf. the Ipswich Domesday, *Black Book of the Admiralty*, II. 171.

charter ordered that the Earl's claim should be entered before the plaintiff was disputed, and further that if he failed to do justice in his Castle court, and if the tenant could prove this in the Portmoot by the oath of twelve "lawful" men, the "chief court¹," the Portmoot, should recover the case "as was customary heretofore²." The Earl claimed, we may suppose, those suits only in which his own rights were concerned³, for the judicial penalty was his wherever the trial took place. The cases which are included in the earliest Portmoot pleas (p. 116) are pleas of debt, trespass, unjust distrain, assault (and this case was tried by inquest p. 119), refusal to warrant possession (p. 118), but a fuller roll would no doubt show that this by no means covered all its pleas. Those frequent delays and feeble distrains, which Edmund's charter was framed to remedy, are well illustrated by these short notes. The singular expressions concerning Richard of Campden and Peter Roger's son, that they "claimed court of themselves" may be explicable when it is seen that the former was the town bailiff, the latter a late Mayor. It looks as if a special Portmoot would be summoned to try cases affecting Mayor, bailiffs or jurats.

Before the reforming charter the choice of the defendant's oath-helpers had rested with the plaintiff. The new law orders them to be chosen by the court. In a plea of debt, if there is proof, in writing, or by tally, or by witness, the plaintiff is to swear first, and then his witnesses; the decision is to be made on the result of their examination, or the parties may, if they like, agree to accept an inquest, and this in plea of trespass as well as in plea of debt. Hitherto the defendant, who did not know that, the moment the plea had left the plaintiff's mouth, he must reply instantly with the word *Thwerthutnay* (meaning absolute denial), had been at once condemned. Thenceforth the defendant was to have an opportunity for taking counsel before he made his answer.

The passage in which Edmund orders (p. 160) that men, who have no property from which a fine can be taken, are to be imprisoned

¹ Called the "great court of Leicester" in the inquest of 25 Ed. I. Nichols, i. i. App. p. 31.

² The lord who had claimed court and then did not prosecute was put in the Portmoot's mercy (p. 123).

³ Cf. the Neath charter, 1397 (ed. G. G. Francis), which limits the pleas of the burgesses' court to forestal (ambush), hamsokn (burglary), hue and cry, bloodshed, trespass, debt, covenant, and reserves treasons, pleas of the crown, reversions of land, errors of judgement, conspiracy, champerty, embracery, prizes of victuals, and of labour for the Earl, "with things that touch him."

for assaults and burglaries shows the beginning of punitive imprisonment, of imprisonment which is not merely preparatory to a fine¹. The town and not the castle gaol would receive these offenders. But the keep of prisoners is a source of expense, and the charter orders that old offenders who are also chattelless shall be banished from the town². The Coroners' Rolls distinguish the prisons, at first two, those of town and castle, and after 1309 a third, the county-gaol³. The town and county gaols appear to have been close together, in Causeway Lane and Highcross Street. The prisoners, when they escaped from these gaols, took sanctuary at St Peter's or All Saints, as the nearest churches⁴, the castle escapes went to St Mary's or St Martin's. The castle gaol was receiving the Earl's men who were not Leicester men, the county gaol the King's prisoners who till then had been sent to Warwick, and the town gaol the offenders tried in the Portmoot.

The worth of the Portmoot to the Earl is stated in the Inquest Post Mortem of 1327 to be £2⁵, and there was a certain View twice a year (View of Frankpledge) worth £6. 13s. 4d. In 1361 the Portmoot was reckoned at £8, and the View at £5. 6s. 8d.; the assize of beer at Whitsuntide £5. In 1375 John of Gaunt agreed to take in exchange for the profits of all his borough courts £80 a year for ten years. Then and not till then did Leicester buy the Firma Burgi. John of Gaunt leased for ten years the execution of royal writs by the bailiffs of the borough, the profits of Portmoots, courts of fairs and markets, and all other courts to be held by the Mayor and burgesses or their deputies, chattels of fugitives and felons, waifs and strays, fines and amercements, saving his three-weekly court in the castle, and its attachments and distresses which were made by the Porter of that court. The Mayor and burgesses were further to have the custody of those prisoners taken within the town and suburb for felony and trespass, who had hitherto been taken by the Earl's bailiffs.

What was the effect of this bargain? Except in the last clause, where he confers a new power, a more complete jurisdiction within the borough, it may be doubted whether John of Gaunt was doing

¹ *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 515.

² There was a similar rule at Sandwich, Boys, II. 466.

³ Warwick was the prison till then. Leicestershire and Warwickshire were under one sheriff till the ninth year of Elizabeth.

⁴ A king's prisoner was to have been buried in the churchyard of St John's hospital in Causeway Lane, p. 373, but he came alive again.

⁵ The very low figure would seem to show that "ultra reprisas" must be understood. The gross revenue from the Portmoot must have been larger.

more than transfer profits, accepting a round sum in payment of casual dues. There is reason to think that for a long time past the courts which viewed the frankpledges or held the assizes of bread and beer, and the courts of fairs and markets, had been courts consisting of burghal and not of castle officers. No roll of the assize of bread, or of a court of fairs, no frankpledge lists, fall within the present volume; but rolls of the assize of bread and a roll of the court of fairs are forthcoming, long before 1375, which show that they were courts consisting of a Mayor and Jurats just like the borough court. The only frankpledge list which is extant comes from December 1375, after the charter, but though the charter had been granted, it is clear from the Mayor's accounts that it had not then come into operation. There is no indication that any castle official was regularly present in any of these burghal courts to secure the Earl's fines. The Mayor, sworn in in the Earl's castle court, was his official. The government of the town so far as it belonged to these courts was in the hands of burgesses, and the substantial power they thus possessed may have reconciled them, for a time at all events, to do without the Firma Burgi. Other towns bought the right to farm themselves that the Sheriff might not farm them. In Leicester the Sheriff had no power to farm; no middle-man was farming the town. The Earl, in getting the profits of justice, by means of the cheapest possible executive, got what seemed to him the real substance of power, money.

v. *The Merchant Gild.* Another court there was, and its profits did not go to the Earl's treasury. The Count of Meulan granted to "his merchants of Leicester" the Gild of their merchants with all the customs which¹ they held in the time of King William and of King William his son and now in the time of King Henry. Other boroughs make a still more definite claim to a Merchant Gild of high antiquity, in terms not to be construed literally². When Robert gave this charter, we may believe from the evidence of other towns that the "burgesses" assembled, perhaps in that town churchyard where the Portmoot was held. Who were the burgesses? We can but guess; perhaps all those men not of servile status who occupied houses within, and immediately without, the walls; perhaps the occupants of certain free tenements only; perhaps the holders of those houses to which the ownership of strips in the fields was attached. The assembly, whoever was there, chose in all likelihood an alderman and

¹ The "by which" of the Vellum Book copy must be a mistake.

² Gross, I. 22.

colleagues to swear in and receive the entrance-money and the hanse of all those who should hereafter be known as the Gild of Merchants. In return for these fees, the burgess or the stranger might buy and sell by wholesale or retail within the borough, and prevent all others from doing so¹.

By purchase strangers were admitted to a burghal franchise, and the merchant gildsmen began to share the franchise of free burgesses, and became "of their community." How shall they be distinguished from burgesses? The question is of much importance if we are to determine the true relation of the Leicester Merchant Gild to the government of the town. That not all burgesses entered the Merchant Gild, so much is clear². But was every gildsman a burgess? Not if to be a burgess he must be a freeholder, for some of the gildsmen were mere servants living in their master's houses; not if he must hold a burgage-tenement; not if he must be an inhabitant, for there is reason to think that not all Leicester gildsmen were resident; yes, if a burgess was one who paid "scot and lot" with the men of the borough, and if payment of "scot and lot" in a borough made a man a freeman of that borough though he kept "le vilein" for his surname³. But the test of burgess-ship may well have been one thing in the year 1000, another in 1200, another in 1300. By 1400 to enter the Merchant Gild of Leicester, that is to pay "scot and lot" with the men of the borough, was to enter the freedom of the borough⁴; but in 1300 a distinction between the gildsman and the burgess is still so far visible as to make it likely that in 1200 it was obvious; it appears that to share burghal franchises tended to make burgesses of the men who did so.

The first roll shows a great variety of payments in entrance-fee, hanse-money and bull-fee; the second roll conforms to a system, and the hanse, and payment at fair-time, are spoken of no more. It becomes clear that the heir of a gildsman might have his ancestor's

¹ This is the way in which the grant of a Merchant Gild is explained by Ranulph Blundeville in his charter to Chester (Morris, p. 480), 1208-11; it is the monopoly of marketable things, "that no one may buy or sell any kind of merchandise, coming to Chester by land or sea, except them, or by their favour, save at the fairs." On the larger meaning which may be put upon the phrase, cf. *Hist. Eng. Law*, I. 648. The Leicester commissioners of 1835 write, "The exclusive right of trading has long fallen into disuse except as regards one particular branch of trade," the licensed victuallers must be freemen or purchase the freedom.

² Gross, I. 69.

³ Unlike the other boroughs there is no sign at Leicester that care was taken to prevent serfs from becoming gildsmen.

⁴ Nichols, IV. i. App. 375, 377, 379.

seat free of charge ; and it would seem that the seat went originally to the youngest son¹, but, after the introduction of primogeniture, to the eldest². Men native to Leicester, who do not inherit a seat, pay 3s. entrance only ; those who are not natives pledge 20s. and a bull, and generally make an end by paying 6s. 8d. The bull payment is not explained and its purpose can only be guessed. At the end of the 13th century the price of a bull varied from 6s. 8d. to 12s. 6d. ; they were always low-priced. There is no evidence in these records that any of the bull-money was spent on bulls, either for baiting³, for food⁴, for the service of the burgesses' stock⁵, or as a contribution to an Earl's "caption" in kind from the community⁶. Before long the bull-money certainly formed part of the gild revenue and was not spent on bulls at all. The heavy pledging of the non-native members was probably to serve as a guarantee of their "scot and lot," and possibly the "hanse" may have been a contribution secured towards one of the town's burdens, perhaps towards the Earl's "caption," the tax then most frequently experienced by the burgesses. The payment at fairs may have been a means of securing the fees of the non-residents, or a fair-time may have been fixed as the time when the member was most likely to have ready money at his disposal.

The first roll gives little more than the names and payments. The many old Norse names speak for themselves. The village-names are from places far and near. The wool trade and weaving were already staple occupations ; among the trade-names of the first roll are weaver, dyer, wool-comber, cloth-dubber, shearman, tailor, hosier ; also tanner, leather-worker, shoe-maker, saddler, parchment-maker ; soap-maker, leech, preacher, merchant, mercer, goldsmith, smith, farrier, turner, cooper, pan-beater, potter ; millers, bakers and oven-men in good

¹ Le Puignay, p. 22.

² Cf. on p. 106 W. Brown's case. On p. 219 the clerk's misplacement of the words "post decessum patris" must be disregarded. The later rolls prove that it was the eldest son who entered free of payment.

³ Cf. the Guildford Merchant Gild Rolls in the 14th century where the phrase used is "et fecit finem ad pascendum Gildam pro vis. viii*d*. et debet unum taurum," or "et jentaculum suum cum cursu cuiusdam tauri competentis," Gross, II. 93.

⁴ The Cambridge butchers in 1376 were forbidden to sell the flesh of bulls unless they had been baited or fed with grass in a stall. Cooper's *Annals*, I. 114.

⁵ Part of the Burgess Meadow may have been allotted to the gild alderman and jurats, cf. Gross, I. 26. The Enclosure Act of 44 Geo. III. shows that a piece of meadow was set apart for the Chamberlains' cows on condition of providing certain bulls for the use of the cows in the burgesses' Cow Pasture, and as further compensation a crop of grass on the piece of the Upper Meadow called the Bull Piece.

⁶ Cf. the Ipswich "hanses," 1 ox, 1 bull, and malt and wheat paid to be quit of toll. Gross, II. 124-5 and *Hist. MSS. Com. 9th Report*, pt. i. 240.

number; cook, flaun-maker, butcher, horse-provender-monger, grass-monger, waterman, mason, carpenter, plumber, porter, carter, granger, ostler. The fairs at which payments were made were Stamford, Northampton, St Ives, Boston. On p. 33 it is noted that at the season of the more distant fairs attendance at the Portmanmoot was excused. The terms of the gildsman's oath¹ are not yet given; "affidavit," or "invadiavit legem Gilde" are the phrases, and pledges "de libertate et fidelitate" (p. 25) are found. The gild puts certain persons under its ban (p. 33) and the meaning of the phrase is explained in later rolls. The meetings were few; the important meeting of the year was some time in October, generally after the feast of St Denys². Wednesday was the commonest day of meeting but no day was barred. The second roll shows large entries after the great feasts, Michaelmas, Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide. The borough financial year, like the old Exchequer year, looks like the year of the tiller of the soil³, beginning after harvest. When once the Gild-summons had gone out, the council of the gild might have to sit three or four days in succession till all the business was cleared off. The average entry cannot be estimated from the first roll, which dates its entries by local events the clue to which is lost. Later on an average annual entry is 25, and the revenue from the gild entry in each year was not trifling as in some towns⁴. At first the fines for trespasses were not used as a part of revenue, but were taken in beer, which was drunk no doubt at the morningspeeches. Of any feasting there is no hint. Subsequently even the beer-fines cease and are replaced by money-fines which are strictly accounted for and spent on the "business of the community," on feasts for others whose goodwill the community feared to lose, not on feasts for gildsmen until a later time. Already in the first roll there are officials, one or two aldermen, receivers of gild-pence, chamberlains⁵ of the receipt, a bell-man. The gild had a bell (p. 33) and rented a house (pp. 71, 82). Out of the receipts, fees of 6*d.* and 3*d.* each were paid to a clerk and a serjeant, fees which at the end of the century had risen to 6*s.* 8*d.*

¹ The full oath comes from a 14th century roll. On pp. 113, 203, 343, it is given in an abbreviated form.

² Cf. at Chester, the first Friday after St Denys.

³ The Dover regulations on the dates of meetings, Lyon's *Dover*, i. 221, explain in part the principles on which they were arranged. Sunday courts were held between harvest and Michaelmas.

⁴ Cf. Yeatman's *Chesterfield*; there the fee was only 3*d.*

⁵ So called from the use of the word 'camera' to signify a treasury. Stevenson's *Nottingham*, II. xv, note. The Leicester chamberlains disappear after the first roll, to be revived as important town officials after the purchase of the Firma Burgi.

a year each. Already there were certain gildsmen bound under a heavier penalty than other gildsmen¹ (p. 34) to come to all the summonses of the Alderman, to advise the "town," and to serve the Alderman in "town" business; they numbered, we may believe, 24, and were called Jurats. Already the gild took "gages" (p. 32), already it decided "pleas" (p. 33). It was concerned to contribute to an amercement of £5 on the town. It had some responsibility in the building of the North bridge; payments from gild-entries were being spent on bridge-work.

So much appears from the first roll. The second begins about 1234. There are again two aldermen. The clerk is a man of some learned ambition who attempts dates by the lunar cycle. The first entries represent the gild as doing work which did not in every town fall to the Merchant Gild to do. It will be well to see first what organization it adopted for that part of its business which was pre-eminently its sphere, to see it first exercising its monopoly of trade.

The gild-brother's great privilege was to escape, or pay in part only, certain tolls which the stranger paid (p. 171). The brethren had their official guides (p. 268) who helped them to buy wool in the neighbouring country. Strangers had none but strangers to guide them (p. 206) and the penalty on a Leicester man who taught a stranger "the ways of the country" was a year and a day's banishment (p. 92). The gildsmen had the services of an official broker in charge of the scales, and in all likelihood they had their wool weighed on the gild wool-beam free of charge when strangers paid a tronage to the Earl (pp. 91, 206). Wool brought to the town by strangers might be sold to none but gildsmen (p. 254), and they probably had a general right of preemption² or even of compelling sale at their own price³. They might wash fells in waters within the liberties (pp. 172, 189) and for them alone might Leicester wool-packers and wool-washers work (pp. 185, 226), the packers and washers being specially sworn in (pp. 130, 238). Gildsmen only might cut cloth or cendal, or use a yard-measure, that is, they only might sell stuffs by retail (pp. 63, 106, 267, 275). Looms⁴, tenters, dyeries, stores of dyes appear to have been kept for their use (pp. 169, 232, 247, 254). They alone might sell wax, fish or meat by retail (pp. 102, 290, 292). They had a right to a share in any bargain⁵ at the making of which the

¹ 6*d.* instead of 4*d.*

² Cf. Gross, II. 218.

³ An agreement of 1353 was directed against this.

⁴ Fees for the hire of looms occur frequently in the 14th century gild accounts.

⁵ Not necessarily only in a gildsman's merchandise, Gross, II. 219.

gildsman was present¹. The duty of giving the share was a burden from which only the Mayor was excepted. Gildsmen might have to give the share in a bargain made in any market (p. 271), but Sir Peter Roger's son, an old Mayor, came into morningspeech to establish the rule that the Mayor's bargains were protected from such claims, not in Leicester only, but in all English fairs (p. 180). The gildsman alone might buy wool of whom he would, and sell it wholesale to whom he would²; but raw wool might not be sold in small quantities even by gildsmen to strangers (p. 226); it was too precious to the weavers. The gild indeed, with the Earl's assistance, proposed to forbid the purchase of wool by strangers in all the surrounding villages except in Lutterworth, Loughborough, Melton, Hinckley and four other comparatively large and distant villages³ (p. 123). Lastly the gild-brother found in the gild court a tribunal not severe on the offences of its own members. The worst threats were rarely uttered and still more rarely enforced. The measure of its "mercy" was usually 1s.⁴ "At the instance of the whole community" much was pardoned. If two gild-brethren would swear with the offending brother, he was protected (p. 72), whereas in the Portmoot he would need five oath-helpers (p. 158). He recorded and recovered debts in the morningspeech with formulae less cumbrous than those of the Portmoot. He might settle a quarrel by concord and so save gild-law⁵ (p. 66). But at Leicester there is a complete absence of those fraternal arrangements which were characteristic of the Merchant Gild's organization in some towns⁶. Leicester like the other boroughs was struggling to throw off mutual responsibility

¹ The Sandwich rule (Boys, II. 462) was that the merchant should give notice of his intention to share. Attendance even by proxy was dispensed with in sharing the purchases of "foreigners."

² The case on p. 69, where it appears that a gildsman was fined for selling the wool of strangers, is probably a case in which "part profits" were suspected. The same idea may explain the fish case, p. 286.

³ The laws which confined many forms of trade to the boroughs had already given them a monopoly which they would find it hard to enforce. Cf. the charters of Nottingham and Derby, which forbade dyeing within 10 "leuca" of the walls. Stevenson's *Nottingham*, I. 6 and Simpson's *Derby*, I. 28. The law of 1177 (Hoveden, IV. 34) ordered that no dyes except black might be sold outside the borough. And cf. *Township and Borough*, p. 213, on the banning of Cambridgeshire trade to Cambridge and *Archeol. Cambr.* 4th Series, IX. 91 for a Welsh case. Yet the sanctions of the old English laws which banned all trade to the boroughs were no longer in force.

⁴ On the systematic forgiving of the moieties of fines, cf. Prou's "Coutumes de Lorris," p. 200-3, in the *Nouvelle revue historique de droit français*, 1884. See also John's charter to Dublin, Gale's *Inquiry into the Ancient Corporate System of Ireland*, p. ii.

⁵ Cf. Morris, *Chester*, p. 383.

⁶ As at Southampton, Gross II. 218. And cf. Gross I. 49, note 1.

rather than to encourage it. Edmund's charter ordered that neighbours should not be distrained to produce debtors to whom they owed nothing, and for whom they were not pledges¹ (p. 163). Though they might claim "lot" in bargains, there was no common bargaining, and no joint-stock purchases were made, the profits of which were to be shared by all gildsmen².

The means by which the gild enforced its rules was in the ordinary course by fine, for which the serjeant could distrain; if distraint was 'rescued,' the hue and cry was raised (p. 290), and trade with a man who rescued goods taken in distress was forbidden (p. 270). The gild could banish people from the town, could forbid the exercise of craft for a year and a day or longer, could limit the kind of business undertaken³, could ban individuals by ordering that no one in the gild should deal with them (p. 205). The gild punished outsiders, but the process was in that case generally by presentment⁴. The outsider could choose to be tried by inquest (p. 202) and, as the inquest was probably taken in the Portmoot, the gild-roll merely records the result. The mass of gild-cases however were against gild-members, and not always against the humbler sort. Men who were to rise to the mayoralty or the bailliwick may be found among the trespassers.

The duties and obligations of gildsmen were indeed so many that from some points of view they seem to counterbalance the advantages. The necessity of entrance would be measured in each man's mind by the nature of the trade he desired to pursue. It was impossible to get on in the wool-trade as a "stranger" (p. 253), and men who had decided to give up their "gild" were glad to come back paying a heavy entrance fee (p. 240). But the gild was obliged to keep watch over some who were rich enough to enter, and found means to compel them to do so (pp. 97, 184). In one respect the gild's control of retail trade was not absolutely complete. A certain number of people were licensed to hold stalls in the Earl's market who were not gildsmen. These "stallati," who in other towns were called "tensers" or "censers," are probably referred to in the passage which speaks of the gild and trading community as not in all respects identical (p. 112) and in a passage (p. 250) where the licensing of fish-sellers in the market is

¹ Cf. also Henry III.'s grant, p. 56, and p. 114.

² As at Chester, Morris, p. 391.

³ Thus on p. 170 a man is forbidden to regrate dyes or keep a granary in Leicester.

⁴ Cf. *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 519 on presentment in the boroughs.

mentioned. In 1336-7 the oath taken by the gildsman required that he should warn the Mayor and Jurats if there were any able to enter the gild who were outside of it, and in other towns it is on these "stallati" that the closest watch was kept. Again in 1336-7 it is noted that one who had 20s. in merchandise, therefore ought to enter. On p. 169 occurs the passage in which the remark of a certain "servus" is recorded, that he said he had not a penny in merchandise and would not give three farthings for admission. No proceedings were taken to force his entrance.

The severest restrictions put on gildsmen were those which sprang from the very existence of their monopoly, which were required to make it complete, to make it impossible that a stranger should share even indirectly in the profits of Leicester trade. There was for instance a rule which forbade a gildsman to trade with the money of strangers for part profits. In 1260 it was rescinded, but in a fortnight's time, the gildsmen decided to have no more free competition, and they enforced the original rule (p. 93). Even those who were not gildsmen were punished for this offence (p. 202), but the question how far the gild could control the use of strangers' capital in purchases made outside the liberty was in doubt (pp. 201, 325). Another rule springing from the same source was that which forbade gildsmen to keep strangers in their company (pp. 110, 168), at least within the limits of the franchise. A vow to keep this rule formed part of the gildsman's oath 1336-7.

Members of the Gild of Merchants submitted to a number of regulations for the purpose of securing honest dealing, such as the examination of their goods (pp. 229, 285), of the woof and warp and uniformity of the cloth they sold (p. 68), of the quality of the dyes and fulling-earths they used (pp. 71, 84, 102). It was the duty of the gildsman to point out defective goods to the Mayor (p. 202). The gild tried cases of false weight (pp. 169, 243), and fixed the number of pounds in a stone of wool (p. 191). The absence of pleas in which charges are brought of imperfect weaving, fulling or dyeing after 1279 may point to the fact that the crafts were taking control of the inspection of those goods and of the management of their own trades. Already in 1260 the crafts of weavers and fullers had consented to certain rules for their trades, and had sworn not to hold morningspeeches except in the presence of two merchants of the Gild of Merchants, and not to fix prices among themselves; in 1264 the Merchant Gild fixed weavers' wages and commanded them to weave cloth made of Leicester yarn first, and the yarn of country

villages only if the gild officers were satisfied that the weavers were short of work.

In 1265 the weavers were charged with making a law by themselves, and in 1275 the fullers were fined for holding a morningspeech without gild jurats. These passages plainly indicate conflict, but they stand alone in the present volume. Once more, in 1343, the Merchant Gild ordered fullers not to use "bat handles" and iron combs, and about 1377 there was conflict again when the "whole town" was appointed to examine the weavers' "thrums."

It was the gild's business to prevent the competition of outsiders and to give its own members the best possible chance of successful dealing. It limited therefore the hours and places of sale that whenever or wherever bargaining was going on the gildsmen might be there to take part. Forestalling was punished by the gild, whether that of gildsmen or outsiders. The final charge against the cunning Fleming Jakemin of Liège¹ (p. 207) was, that by arranging a transaction in his house and taking a penny (in earnest apparently, to secure that he should not sell the goods to any one else²) he, a stranger, had forestalled. He defended himself by saying that the penny was paid to a clerk as arrears, and that the wool was brought to Leicester and paid tronage as it should.

Certain rules of forestalling and regrating are entered on the gild-roll (p. 180). The gild objected to the intrusion of middlemen who did not increase the amount or change the character of the goods to be sold. Thus butchers' wives were forbidden to purchase meat to sell it again in the same market unless they cooked it. Meat-dealers must be either butchers, who kill the animals and dress the joints for sale, or they must be cooks who prepare the meat for immediate use. A certain amount of professional regrating was allowed, as for instance the regrating of bread, but the gild's sympathy was with the bakers, and the regrators, male and female, were forbidden to sell bread that had been kept for more than a week (p. 348). Similarly a law was passed by the gild which forbade butchers to expose meat for sale for more than three days (p. 181).

vi. *The tolls.* The Merchant Gild was concerned to see that the tolls of the town were not curtailed and for this purpose insisted that marketable goods should be brought to Leicester and bargained for there. William of Braunston bought and sold in his house on the

¹ He is perhaps the Jacobus of Liège, merchant of Douai, of the charters (pp. 395, 397).

² The case of forestalling by means of 'earnest' on p. 213 must be read in conjunction with this against Jakemin, to make the meaning clear.

Bishop's Fee, and by not coming to market "shortened toll and custom and pavage" (p. 201). Jakemin of Liège, not a gild member (pp. 206-7), was charged with arranging a transaction in Leicester for the sale of wool in a neighbouring village without bringing the wool to Leicester, so that tronage and toll were not paid. No record of the payment of any of these items occurs in the gild accounts and it is therefore difficult to account for the gild's interest in the matter. As the question of toll may help to explain the relations of the gild to the Earl, and the relations of the gild to the whole community of the town, it is desirable to unravel as far as may be the various threads that are involved therein.

In the Post Mortem record of the Earl's possessions in 1327, the toll of Leicester market is reckoned as worth £2 a year, the toll of the fair at the Invention of the Holy Cross £1, tronage of wool at Whitsuntide £17. The list of 1361 adds the butchers' stalls £2, market-booths 10s. In 1361 the dying Duke Henry of Lancaster proposed to part with the toll, stallage, pickage¹, and tronage, which he had in the town of Leicester, and also Thorough-toll every day in the week in the town and suburbs, and in the bounds called toll-marks; and he planned to make the Mayor and community and their heirs, and all in the town and suburbs, foreign and denizen, free of these charges for buying and selling. In return the Mayor and community were to pay 10,000 marks (£6,666. 13s. 4d.). The transaction was never completed, and its history belongs to the next period, but it requires mention here inasmuch as it shows that toll was a very serious matter, and the statement of the Post Mortem jurors in all probability must be construed as an estimate of value "*ultra reprisas*," that is to say, of net value after all outgoings were discharged.

The gild bought a certain "charter of toll" 1313-4 (pp. 281, 288) for the sum of £10; unfortunately its contents are unknown. On the subject of murage, pontage and pavage however there is more explicit information, which may serve to throw light on the question of toll. The town which the Earl had successfully cut away from the county was left with its own wall-building to do. The walls and gates were repaired in 1262 (p. 98) at the community's expense. The community paid fees to the keepers of the gates, 1278 (p. 179). In 1282 (p. 197)

¹ Payment for breaking ground to erect booths, paid to the lord of the soil.

² Cf. the *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1322, where on the death of the rebel Lancaster, the abbey, college and hospital are found clamouring for payments due to them from the Earl's Receiver of Leicester. Perhaps these may be reckoned among the "*reprisae*."

there is a list of persons to be distrained for the making of the town-wall and ditch. In 1286¹ a five years' murage and pavage were granted to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of Leicester by royal patent; that is they obtained the right to take a toll from people coming to the town with wares, a toll which was to be spent on walls and road-making. In 1291 a two years' murage was granted, but before murage was granted the community had been responsible for the walls and gates; men guilty of stealing stone and timber and iron from walls and gates were tried by inquest (p. 197) or in the gild (p. 217). The Earl, especially if he had a rebellious spirit, was anxious to see his borough well protected. In 1316² Earl Thomas of Lancaster obtained a grant of seven years' murage and pavage for the bailiffs and good men of Leicester. In 1322 the good men had the King's arms and not the Earl's over their gates (p. 333).

Bridge-building and pontage were arranged on a somewhat different plan, at least till Dec. 18, 1330, when the Earl got the pontage patent which the community had tried for in 1323 (p. 345). Till then it appears that the burgesses defrayed their bridge-building either by a tallage taken for that purpose (as in 1300, p. 229) or out of a tallage for "divers debts." The town's "redemption" of bridge-silver in 1253-4 perhaps had this result, to make the men of Leicester free from a vexatious small toll but subject to the payment in a less direct form. The Earl's grant stopped the taking of bridge-toll either by himself or by the burgesses (p. 47). The jurats, who enquired into the origin of bridge-silver 1253, said that it was a toll on wood carried from Leicester forest and not on the wood brought from the forests of other counties. It may have been a county contribution paid in this form. Yet on p. 34 (about 1225) the alderman of the gild is disbursing money for the work on a bridge, and responsibility of some sort is already with the gild community; perhaps it is after all possible that the Earl's bridge-silver may never have been spent on maintaining bridges. There is a hint of some almsgiving at the bridges in 1262, perhaps to defray expenses (p. 100); on p. 349 it seems that the profits of the sale of wax on Holy Cross Day went to the bridges. In the 14th century collections for the bridges were being made in the Leicester parish churches.

The community, then, was taking a murage toll which is not represented in the gild accounts. Similarly it may be the community's collectors were responsible for other tolls, including those which were paid over to the Earl's receiver, such as tronage and thorough-toll.

¹ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, pp. 221, 424.

² *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, p. 512.

His cannemol¹, a beer and wine tax of some sort, was not assessed by Castle officers but by the community, and gathered by its collectors (p. 212). Thus it may the more easily be understood how it happens that although by its very existence the gild diminished the Earl's toll (for its members were privileged to escape some part of it), and although the gild was allowed to encourage the entry of men who as "strangers" would have paid a fuller toll, yet the traces of any conflict between Earl and gild are very scanty. What the gild lost to the Earl in toll, it fully made up to him in other ways. Here was another executive that cost him nothing, that gathered in his revenues, perhaps some of his tolls, and certainly, as will be shewn below (p. xlviij), his fines, presents and tallages. Little opportunity was left for personal dealing between the Earl and individual burgesses. Nothing went to the Earl except through the agency of the burghal or gild officers.

III. *Relations of the Merchant Gild and Borough Court.* i. *Power of the Earl's Steward.* It cannot be argued that the functions of the Merchant Gild grew at the expense of the borough court's, because the morningspeech was quit of the Earl's Steward's presence and the moot was not. There is evidence of his occasional presence in both courts. He interfered in the trial of the bailiff Richard of Campden (p. 120) before the Portmanmoot. He was present on the occasion of a few important conveyances and witnessed the charter together with men who were no doubt burgesses². Some of these conveyances may be the work of the Castle court and not of the Portmanmoot. He witnessed (pp. 51-3) the conveyance to the Mayor and community of a chief messuage on which the Gildhall was to be built; the deeds connected with the redemption of Gavel-pence (pp. 49, 58) were clearly executed in the Castle court; the conveyance in 1282 of a piece of ground by the Castle church, not within the borough liberty (p. 196), was also probably in the Earl's court; so too the charter made by a merchant of Liège 1298-9 (p. 394). For important conveyances it might be well to have the record of both Castle court and Merchant Gild and Portmoot. Thus the Earl's Steward summoned a gild meeting to hear three charters, and in his presence they were set on record (p. 287). It is clear however that the Steward's consent to the conveyances made in Portmoot was not necessary to their validity.

¹ On the word *mol* see *Eng. Hist. Rev.* I. 734, II. 103, 332.

² But the burgesses who sign with the Steward are mostly men of high importance, e.g. Waleys probably of Walsh Hall, and others on p. 52.

Similarly there are several scattered references on the gild rolls to the presence of the Steward in the morningspeech. The Earl's charter had ordered that debts due from the community should be claimed in Portmoot. If the claim was not dealt with, the creditor should go to the Bailiff of the Castle who should cause the debt to be levied (p. 165). But the case of Henry of Ruddington (p. 188) shows that the official applied to was the Steward, and the court through which he raised the debt, was a morningspeech of the gild. The gild sought the help of a friendly Steward to recover gild-fines (p. 223). Much depended on the character of the Steward, but as much in the Merchant Gild as in the Portmoot. The Earl or his Steward might make regulations for the merchants, which might be according to general desire or according to his view of his own interest. The rule might be published in Portmoot, or in morningspeech. Thus on the back of the one Portmoot roll which remains from this period, a rule is recorded (p. 123) which seems to have been obtained from the Earl by some merchants from over seas. They had suffered heavy amercement for buying wool wholesale in Leicestershire and for bringing it to Leicester, and they asked that the places where they might buy should be made known. Wholesale buying of wool was to be forbidden to strangers in all the neighbouring villages, and licensed only in the larger and more distant. Offences against the rule were to be treated as offences against the Earl and "the community." It appears that there had been complaint of the Merchant Gild's severity and the Earl had arbitrated. Thus again a Fleming, Jordan of Carlton, was charged before the Steward and the community of the gild, because he had bought wool for his own use and the use of Lombards (pp. 186-7) contrary to the Steward's prohibition. His wool was seized in the Steward's absence and for the trial the gild awaited the Steward's return. The dispute with the Bishop's tenants concerning their tallage appears to have been decided by the royal justices in the Castle court, the Earl's Steward signing with his seal, in the presence of the Earl's knights, and representatives of the burgesses and of the Bishop's tenants.

It is true that a note of hostility from gild to Earl or Steward may be detected sounding faintly here and there, although as leading "motive" it is conspicuously absent. We may hear for instance that the admission of Castle officials free of charge at the Earl's request was a source of loss (p. 309); that the Steward interfered to get a bull-fine remitted (p. 278), that it was not well that the Steward should

know exactly who ought to pay lot and scot, and defray the cost of a dinner (p. 215) which is perhaps his own. The community once defrayed an amercement levied on individuals in the Castle court (p. 243), but the clerk never utters a groan over the Castle tyranny if as tyranny he felt it. Formal though the records are, some further hint upon this matter must have appeared if there had been great bitterness of spirit, if there had been already an active burghal policy destined ultimately for the seignorial overthrow. There are moments when the clerk draws aside the veil of formality. The year of the death of Thomas of Lancaster gives a mayoral account that shews the community anxiously watching the struggle between King and Earl and uncertain what to do (pp. 328 sqq.). The community's whole care is devoted to the distribution of judicious presents. The energies of the governing body of the town were entirely absorbed in the means to avoid the worst immediate dangers; with the more distant political vista, with the general question of the means to change the relative positions of the Earl and the borough, they as yet had no concern.

ii. *Formulae in which the communities of town and gild are described.* In discussing the question how far "the community of the gild" can be treated as distinct from "the community of the town"—a question on which hinges the ultimate solution of the problem, where lay the governing power—some slight stress may be laid on the formulae used by the clerks, for they afford evidence of a faint line of distinction. The line tended to become more and more blurred as time went on, because it was not deemed to be for the profit of the gild or of the community that their interests should be treated as distinct. For one small group of persons only does the line remain sharply defined, because it had received a new precision at the hands of the King's justices when they came to arrange a dispute on the question of tallage. The truth seems to be that they were drawing a line to protect the Bishop's tenants, where there was no longer any line to protect others. For most men only the trace of an ancient distinction still remained, and this trace may be detected in the formulae.

Setting aside the important question of finance for the moment, the great mass of the entries on the second gild roll either concern offences which dishonoured or damaged the community of the gild, or are rules dealing with the preeminently gild trades, trade in wool or cloth¹. Such rules were passed "by the community of the gild in

¹ Cf. the phrase p. 69, "lose every kind of gild-trade."

morningspeech" or "full morningspeech." It appears that a rough sort of unanimity is very requisite if rules are to be kept¹. In passing a rule which affected weavers and fullers only, in order to make their consent a reality it has to be further secured by their oaths. The clerk uses the phrase "community of Leicester" when the phrase "community of the gild" would not be correct. He notes (p. 104) the case of a woman, who was banished from the town for theft, a Portmanmoot case; she had twice abjured the town, had been set in the pillory once, and her ear had been cut off; again "in the presence of the community of Leicester" she abjured the town, and her return was to be punished, perhaps, by death². Again 1272 (p. 114) the King's judges ordered that "any of the community or liberty of Leicester" who had suffered distraint in market towns for the debts of their neighbours might get the Earl's bailiffs to distrain the debtor. Here the benefit was not conferred on gildsmen only. Bye-laws affecting the whole community are described as the work of "all the community," though they are passed in the morningspeech. "The community of Leicester" settled the weight of the stone of the wool, a matter which affected strangers; the wages of wool-packers; and the exclusion of attainted wool-packers from employment; for wool-packers were humble people, not gildsmen, and many of them were women. It was the Mayor and community "of the town" who received in morningspeech those acknowledgments and recognitions which strictly speaking belonged to the Portmanmoot (p. 213). The man who damaged the town-wall confessed in full morningspeech the wrong done to the "community of Leicester" (p. 217). To abuse the fish of Leicester so that dealers would not bring it, damaged the "whole community of Leicester." Fermin Malherbe, probably not a gildsman, offended against the custom of the "town" in keeping woad over 40 days. The various cases against Jakemin of Liège shew that the nature of the offence determines the formula to be used. His dealings in wool even while in the gild damaged town and gild, for he had offended, it would seem, against the Earl's ordinance (p. 123) by taking strange merchants to buy wool at Tilton, one of the forbidden villages; he offended town and gild by escaping tronage, for tronage was a debt of the whole community, but there was gild responsibility also; his dealings in beer were against the town, and the gild is not mentioned; offences against

¹ Cf. *Hist. Eng. Law*, second edition, I. 684.

² The clerk refused to write the penalty. The proper phrase if the cause of his scruple was that he was in holy orders would have been "et ideo habeat iudicium suum."

the assize of beer were not offences against the gild. His case was perhaps being tried in the Portmanmoot¹.

Again as regards the geographical area ruled, the phrase is made to conform to the circumstances of the case. The areas of the liberty of the town and of the gild appear to coincide (p. 189), but it is the liberty of the town that is mentioned in the case of a woman, that of the gild in the case of a gildsman. It appears that in trying outsiders the gild prefers to call itself the community of Leicester, that its decisions may not be challenged; in dealing with a gildsman it lays stress on the broken oath, and tries him as a gild member. It is possible that outsiders came to the "full morningspeeches" in which matters of general interest were being treated²; a record of a later period requires their exclusion.

But already within the first period there are signs of a change of formula. After 1300 the Mayor's place becomes more prominent. It is fully accepted that the act of the Mayor in matters affecting the community is the act of the community itself³. Offenders begin to fall into the Mayor's mercy; it is the Mayor who forbids the exercise of craft; it is the Mayor's prohibition that is defied. A record begins to be kept of the names of the jurats present. In 1314 (p. 291), to decide whether the liberty of the gild covered Bromkinsthorpe or not, the Mayor, the two coroners (but not so described in the text), 12 jurats, 8 persons named "and others of the community" were present, and this formula begins to be usual, especially if the proceedings had special solemnity. The *et aliis, et multis aliis* is carefully included here, as in the conveyances witnessed in the Portmanmoot, whether with a deliberate purpose or not one may hesitate to decide. At the end of the period the division between the community of the gild and that of the town is so far obliterated, for all but the Bishop's tenants, that the gild meeting is called the morningspeech of "the town of Leicester" (p. 354).

iii. *Gildhall and Seal.* It is open to doubt whether the Portmanmoot and Gild Merchant ever occupied two separate buildings, or ever had two separate seals. The land which was used by the merchants for their hall was bequeathed to "the Mayor and community of the borough" (p. 51). The shirehall was not yet roofed in 1332⁴, and in 1334-5 the Justices of Assize sat in the Gildhall, as the

¹ A copy is folded in with Portmanmoot rolls of 1378-9.

² P. 179, the meeting was deferred as the morningspeech was not full.

³ *Hist. Eng. Law*, i. 662, quoting *Plac. Abbrev.* 199, 273.

⁴ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, April 1, 1332, p. 292.

Justices of Trailbaston appear to have done at an earlier time (p. 248). The only seal preserved is the "Sigillum Communitatis Burgi Leicestrie¹," but on p. 82 the making of a new seal for the community of the gild is mentioned.

iv. *Officers of Town and Gild.* But our view of the relations of gild and Portmoot must hinge mainly on the question whether or no two sets of officers can be distinguished, one for the borough, the other for the gild. If there should prove to be but one set of officers, the problem of the distribution of civic authority becomes less difficult to decide.

Alderman and Mayor. The first mention of any chief officer of town or gild is that of 1209, William Leveric's son "Alderman of the gild"; in 1214 he is called simply alderman. About 1225 Simon Curlevache and John Warin were aldermen together. About 1226 Simon Curlevache "Alderman of Leicester" is named alone. In 1234 William of St Lo was chosen to be alderman with Simon Curlevache, and they ruled together till at least 1242 (pp. 61-2). Simon Curlevache was a man of such substance that he had been able to pay the huge fine of 500 marks to Simon de Montfort in 1239 and yet remain at the head of town affairs². In an undated charter (p. 383) William of St Lo and Peter Roger's son together are called "mayors³," in 1251-2 Peter Roger's son appears as Mayor alone. In 1257 the mayoralty was in the hands of a keeper, whose place was taken by an attorney appointed by him. In August 1257 the attorney and a burgess went on the community's behalf to the Earl, seeking the election of a Mayor. On Jan. 23, 1258, Henry of Ruddington received the mayoralty from the Earl. In a list of gild councillors, which may be shortly before this time, he is styled alderman; this is the only hint at a possible duality; the choice of the alderman as Mayor made the chief gild officer identical with the chief borough officer, if indeed they were ever distinct. As to the manner in which Henry of Ruddington's successors in office were appointed, the rolls are silent.

Reeves and Bailiffs. Mention is made of a "prepositus," of two "prepositi," as well as of two "ballivi," but there is clear indication that the reeves and bailiffs cannot be distinguished⁴. Those who in

¹ It is the "seel de la commune de la ville" which was affixed to Edmund's Portmanmoot charter (p. 166).

² M. Paris III. 479, Grosseteste's *Epistolae*, p. 143.

³ Gross (I. 63) was misled by a mistaken date given by Thompson into seeing clear evidence of an early duality of office at Leicester.

⁴ Cf. *Archeol. Journ.* IX. 81, for a similar use at Winchester. Also at Gloucester "ballivus" displaced "prepositus" about the middle of the thirteenth century.

one record are called "prepositi" in another of the same date are called "ballivi".¹ After 1277 the word "ballivus" ousted the word "prepositus." The reeve was a frequent attendant at morning-speeches; memoranda of debts paid, and rents due, are witnessed in the second roll by the alderman and reeve and all the morningspeech. The reeve collected the loan for the redemption of bridge-silver, accounting for it in morningspeech. In the main however it seems that if the distinction between town and gild can be drawn at all, the bailiffs were rather town than gild officers. The gild's agent was as a rule the serjeant. The bailiffs were responsible for tronage (p. 207) and for cannemols (p. 212); there was doubt whether the bailiff might be an oath-helper in the gild (p. 224), but he might be a "maintainer of the plea" for himself or his "allies" in the Portmanmoot, provided he did not sit at the judgment (pp. 163-4). The bailiffs and not the community made the pillory (p. 228), perhaps the county or the Earl's market pillory.² The gildsman must point out defective wool-packing to the bailiff, that the wool-packer might be "presented" (p. 202). The bailiff might have to witness distraint (p. 225). It may be noted further that the record which describes the Mayor's choice of twelve to choose two of their number to be bailiff, makes it impossible to suppose that one of the two was the castle, the other the town bailiff.

It is open to doubt if there was a castle bailiff. The officers who shared his possible duties were the Steward, Receiver and Porter. Earl's Steward and bailiff are used as alternative titles for the same man.³ The bailiff of the castle, who in Edmund's charter is told to compel the rendering of account, is called the Steward when he does so (p. 187); the bailiff who was to make forcible distraint for rent, the leave of the Portmoot having first been asked, looks like a town bailiff (p. 166). In 1273 (p. 114) "the Earl's bailiffs" were ordered to deal with debtors who allowed their neighbours to be distrained for their debts, but these again may have been town bailiffs, who like the Mayor had taken an oath to the Earl and were his servants.⁴ The Earl interfered to get a town bailiff's debt pardoned (p. 242), a

¹ Thus "Ricardus prepositus" or Ric. de Campeden, here called "prepositus," in the *Plac. Abbrev.* p. 134 is called "ballivus." In 1276-7 twelve men were chosen to choose two to keep the "ballivatum prepositure" of Leicester (p. 174); of the two elected one is described as "ballivus" in a charter of that date (p. 366) the other in one of 1282 (p. 387). I find the identity of the "ballivus" and "prepositus" supported in Ballard's "Eng. Boroughs in the reign of King John," *Eng. Hist. Rev.* xiv. 100.

² Cf. *Plac. Abbrev.* p. 220.

³ Thus Hodinges, the Steward of these rolls, is bailiff in the *Hundred Rolls*, i. 239.

⁴ Thus Ric. de Campeden, town bailiff, *Plac. Abbrev.* p. 134, speaks of the town "of his lord."

bailiff who seems to have been one of his men¹. In 1375 John of Gaunt ordered that the two bailiffs who were chosen by the Mayor, burgesses and community should have robes of his livery. The bailiffs of the earlier period held office in many cases for long periods, and neither now nor later is there any word of a stipend for them. The fees of serjeant and clerk alone are entered on the rolls. Probably a year's service as bailiff was compulsory on the burgess who was chosen for the office, unless he could buy himself quit by paying a substitute. Several of the bailiffs were sent to Parliament. One of the Mayors, Walter of Bushby, seems to have held the office of bailiff and Mayor simultaneously.

Two *coroners*, who were leading burgesses, are named in 1297 (p. 357), but by what authority, or by whom, they were appointed does not appear.

The choice of the *tallage collectors* at first rested with the Mayor (p. 145), and Edmund's charter also puts the choice with him (p. 165), but the assessors or "affectors" of tallage were probably elected, and certainly sworn. There are cases of refusal to collect tallage (p. 251), and these are settled in the morningspeech of the gild. In the case of the collectors again, a paid substitute might be allowed.

At an early time there may have been *serjeants* for each quarter, and the serjeants were paid by the Alderman (p. 34). In 1271 two serjeants are mentioned, one for the South quarter in full gild morningspeech found sureties² for keeping the sergeanty of that quarter faithfully, and one for the East suburb did the same, but he did it in full Portmanmoot, for he in all likelihood was a Bishop's man and out of the gild. Later on one serjeant only is mentioned, through whom the gild's distrains were enforced. His fee becomes a regular item in the accounts. He is called the serjeant of the community (p. 227), or in later records the Mayor's serjeant. Sometimes the name of the clerk at the end of charters executed in the Portmanmoot tallies with that of the clerk of the gild, sometimes it does not.

But if an analysis of these officers fails to give a decided answer, it is to the *Twenty-four Jurats*³ that we chiefly look, to discover whether there was a civic body distinct from the mercantile body, or whether the officers of Moot and Gild were one and the same.

¹ Segrave's entry on his "bailliwick" is spoken of (p. 258), but this was probably the Earl's receivership.

² Cf. the Ipswich serjeant's sureties, *Hist. MSS. Com. Ninth Report*, pt. i. p. 244.

³ The scribes do not always carefully distinguish Juratus and Jurator, but as the word is frequently written Jur' the expansion is often doubtful. On pp. 104 and 182 the MS. has jurator where juratus would seem the more correct word.

Now the absence of Portmanmoot records makes it impossible to speak positively, but the evidence points to the fact that the twenty-four Jurats of Portmanmoot and Gild were identical. The passage (p. 111) "these were elected by all the gild of Leicester to maintain the laws and liberties of the gild" might indeed point to duality if it stood alone, but the provision of 1274 (p. 115) passed by "all the community of Leicester," that no jurat "of Leicester" might dwell on the Bishop's fee, points to identity. The result of the new rule was the removal of William Tabor from the list of jurats; now he is on the list of jurats chosen in 1273 to keep the liberties of the gild, and also in 1271 was chosen by the Mayor to come to the business of the community of the gild (p. 110). As the signatories to charters signed in the Portmanmoot were not necessarily either jurats or burgesses¹, no argument can be established from their names. The jurat's oath preserved in a fourteenth century copy is fairly conclusive evidence of identity, for it was taken before the Mayor and jurats and brethren of the gild. The jurat promised to render careful judgments; loyally to assess rich and poor, according to the amount of the trespass; to attend the Portmoot when the bailiff summoned him; to keep the assize of bread, wine, and beer with the Mayor; and to maintain the town franchises. On the manner of the election of jurats there is no word. If the Mayor and jurats were one body sitting at one time as a borough court, at another as a merchant gild, it becomes easy to understand why the distinction between the two sources of government is at all times faint, and how it is that the gild may be found occasionally doing the borough court's business. Thus the gild tries a case of unjust detention of goods (p. 66), assault (p. 78), sale of stolen goods (p. 348), and unjust distraint for rent (p. 109). The defamation of Mayor, bailiffs, jurats, or tallage-collectors came before the gild; the gild court was charged with false judgment in a plea of debt (p. 263). The community had to send four suitors to the King's court in such a case, and payments to three of them are enrolled (p. 236). But these things are exceptions; the great bulk of litigation never lay in the gild court; its absorption on rare occasions of pleas which were, strictly speaking, pleas of the borough court, becomes however less phenomenal and inexplicable if the identity of officers be appreciated. The close union of the two courts may explain further, how it is that a charter made in Portmanmoot may also be entered on a gild roll (p. 200), and why a note

¹ Charters are preserved which concern the transfer of land in neighbouring villages, and are witnessed in part by inhabitants of the village, but also by the burghal officers.

on the gild roll will be as safe evidence of a land-conveyance, of an attorney appointed, or of a debt due¹, as a charter executed in Portmanmoot, and how it is that women who were not gild members might use the gild for this purpose².

v. *The Common Purse*. If we may see one body of officers sitting as two courts for two several purposes, there is no difficulty in explaining the Merchant Gild's control of the borough finance. Professor Maitland has said³ that if we are to understand the process by which the "Town" slowly struggles into life, "we must study at close quarters the methods in which the affairs of the borough are conducted, the growth and expenditure of a revenue, the incidence of profit and loss. We must watch carefully for the first appearance of the common chest, for the appearance of a treasurer, and for the appearance of a council that administers property besides or instead of the old moot that deemed dooms. What I may call the business side of municipal life must come by its rights. Political and constitutional history will thereby gain a new reality." The Leicester records are of the type that Professor Maitland has asked for. By the combination of contemporary merchant-gild rolls, tallage-rolls and mayoral accounts, Leicester stands almost alone⁴ in its minute revelation of the business-side of town-life in the thirteenth century.

The first mention of a common fund occurs on the first gild roll, p. 34. There were receivers of gild-pence. Their receipts were handed to the Alderman, Simon Curlevache, and he paid the clerk and serjeants, and disbursed money for the North Bridge and the residue of 1s. 4d. remained in his hands. On the second roll the clerk writes in 1239 (p. 61), "We have in the gild-purse £3. 15s. 7d., whereof we have lent 8s. 2d. for the convenience of the town." Was this a loan from the gild-purse to the town-purse⁵? This passage, and the passage

¹ Cf. pp. 61, 70, 83, 107.

² Pp. 183, 200.

³ *Township and Borough*, p. 81.

⁴ In the towns whose documents have been searched for the purposes of the Historical MSS. Commission it seems that Hereford, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, King's Lynn, Bridport, offer the best promise for this kind of enquiry. The 14th century accounts given in Poulson's *Beverley* and Peter's *Launceston* are valuable. The Leicester accounts shew that there is great continuity in the nature and manner of the borough's spending, and that comparatively late accounts may contain much that is illustrative of an older time.

⁵ The question of the existence of a dual purse in other towns requires more enquiry than it has yet received. Gross (i. 62) has adduced Southampton, Derby, and Chester as instances of duality, but the evidence does not appear to me entirely satisfactory. As the Southampton laws were not written at one date, one paragraph cannot be contrasted with another to secure direct evidence. There appears to be good evidence of a double purse at Lynn, Dublin, Exeter, Faversham, Berwick, but the list of towns which offer evidence of a single purse seems to be the longer.

in which the "community" repudiates the expenditure on the pillory as the bailiffs' business (p. 228) are the only indications of any such distinction.

In the face of the evidence for the gild's complete control over all other financial affairs it seems necessary to seek some other explanation. The first passage is easily explained by supposing that "for the convenience of the town" the gild made money payments, perhaps as a loan to someone whose goodwill to the community a loan might secure. As to the responsibility of the bailiffs for making the pillory, this may be interpreted to mean that the obligation attached to their office¹, or the gild may have repudiated the maintenance of the Earl's market pillory. There is further the judicial decision of 1281, but this, as has been suggested above (p. xl), restored and redefined a distinction between gildsmen and burgesses which would affect the Bishop's tenants only. The precise nature of its effect will be discussed below in connection with questions concerning tallage. With these exceptions, there is no hint in these records of a distinction between gild and town as fiscal entities. Upon the gild rolls are entered the payments of "the community of Leicester," 1257 (p. 71), for the "township's" amercement (p. 232), the presents for the Earl and his household, the gifts to the Justices in Eyre, and to the Juries of the Hundreds, the redemption of the town from fine, the purchase of charters, the amounts paid on each tallage, and the Mayor's account, until it grows full enough to need a separate parchment. There is no tallage by and for the gild; the only hint at any limited tallage is found in the two lists, that for the Bridge-silver loan, and the present to the Earl in 1327 (p. 352), both of which are short and point to the possibility that a few gildsmen accepted a burden of a special kind.

Summary. It will be seen then that, in the case of Leicester, as in the parallel cases which Dr Gross has analysed, there has been in the thirteenth century a gradual growth in the governmental functions of the Merchant Gild, but there has been no usurpation, and by the time its realm has developed, the necessity of delimiting its frontier is gone. Compared with the old English burghal court, it is new-fangled and it has a machinery more adaptable to new fashions. It tends to absorb those departments of local government which were novelties in the eyes of the burghal court. The Portmanmoot knew nothing of

¹ Cf. the Hereford Customal, *Archeol. Ass. Journal*, xxvii. p. 461. The bailiffs promise "to perform the affairs of the city at our own charges if so be they may be finished either sooner or better than by any other of our citizens."

account-keeping or of the control of a common chest. Jurisdiction had been and remains its business. The gild is not wholly without police functions, but in the main these are the borough's. To order the frankpledges and to hold assizes of bread and beer is not gild business. Executive and legislative power are not precisely divided, but there is and can be no conflict; for the same officers control both town and gild affairs, and whether they will do so through a morningspeech or through a borough court is settled partly by past history, partly by present convenience. Both Gild and Moot are municipal organs and both give birth to the Town Council.

It remains to call attention to certain other problems on which these records throw some light.

1. *The burghal police.* From the Coroners' Rolls it appears that Leicester was divided for the purpose of police organization into four "townships." These are explained as being the North, South, East and West Gates (p. 359). And this is not the only trace of the division of the town into quarters, for many of the tallage rolls are divided into four quarters and a suburb (pp. 129-145). The streets leading to the four gates of the town, formed, it may be supposed, the central lines of the quartering. Each quarter was one tithing, one frankpledge (p. 365), answerable for the production of any of its members accused of crime, and bound to join in the hue and cry. It is known that in the early thirteenth century the Coroners made their inquests by means of sworn men from four or six neighbouring townships, and that the justices in eyre, in making trial, called on the representatives of the four villis nearest the scene of the crime and took their oath. It would seem that by a legal fiction, the justice of Leicester is made to be self-contained, and accordingly it is divided into the four units required for this purpose. There is no indication that each quarter had a separate organization for viewing the pledges, making presentments and appointing watchmen and constables.

2. *The tax-paying community.* The tax-paying community at Leicester appears to have consisted (1) of all residents capable of paying tallage, (2) of all gildsmen. It is abundantly clear that not all tax-payers were gildsmen, for those whose names appear in tallage rolls of one year sometimes appear as entering the gild in a subsequent year. It further appears that not all gildsmen were permanently resident. The Leicester records indeed are not grouped in such a way as to call attention to a contrast between the "forinsec" and "intrinsec"¹

¹ But on p. 183 a contrast is perhaps implied in the passage which accuses a gildsman of damaging "vicinos et forinsecos."

gildsmen or burgesses, who in other towns may be found grouped in separate lists. The Leicester entrance-fee was lower for the native, but nothing is said concerning the residence of the non-native gildsman.

By entering the gild, a man has freed his merchandise from tolls, has gained the admission of his goods to the town's markets, but, if he is a stranger, he has rendered those goods liable to tallage. This is expressly mentioned in 1240 (p. 63), where the phrase "to cut cloth, and do all things that belong to the gild, and pay tallage with the men of the gild" shews the connection of the two ideas. In 1302 (p. 239) Ralph Norman claimed never to be assessed for tallage and he gave up his gild. In one case residence was stipulated (p. 72); William of Barkby of Newton could not practise gild-trade unless he returned to Leicester and lived there and "bore the burden" and "answered" with others of the gild; he had left Leicester so long that his membership of the gild was in doubt. Once more residence is stipulated, but the two cases appear exceptional, and the exceptional treatment may be due to the fact that there has been difficulty in securing tallage¹. The normal oath of the gildsman seems to indicate a possible non-residence. He is to scot and lot with the gild wherever he may dwell, either on the Bishop's Fee or elsewhere. The "elsewhere" might be interpreted to cover only such places as Bromkinthorpe, whose inhabitants might press a claim to be out of the liberty, but there is ample evidence pointing to a wider meaning. The records collected by Dr Gross² shew that a body of "foreign" gildsmen paying tallage with the borough was not an exceptional feature in the early history of burghal taxation³. Their presence has been in some towns an important element in the history of the Merchant Gild and of the borough community, an element the full fiscal meaning of which seems scarcely to have been adequately appreciated. Stress must not be laid solely on the gildsman's release from toll; from the earliest times gildsmen are "gegildan," "congild-ones" in the payment of the borough's burdens. The English words "lot and scot" which occur so regularly in the oath seem to point to some early contribution from chapmen to the cost of maintaining the franchise of the borough market. In at least two charters from

¹ Compare the regulations at Southampton and Worcester which required the forinsec gildsman to come to the town at least once a year.

² *Gild Merchant*, i. 66-7. The best cases are Barnstaple, Ipswich, Lynn, Lincoln, Derby, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Preston, Southampton, Totnes. The term "foreign burgess" was used at Barnstaple, Ipswich, Preston, Norwich.

³ Edmund's Leicester charter (p. 154) contemplates the presence of wandering merchants at Leicester who carried their merchandise about with them.

Henry II. the merchant gildsmen are described as those who "live of the market," residents and others¹. The difficulties of such a system of taxation may seem insuperable, yet the records seem to shew that it was not too cumbrous for the Middle Ages. It does not appear that the hundreds and townships complained frequently² of this "subtraction" of the geldable property of their chapmen to the boroughs even when there were fixed quotas of subsidy to be allotted on given districts. The Norwich records contain a suggestive passage on the receiving of foreign burgesses: "the men that thus shal be resceyved shal *make gree wit ye Shireves* as they may acorde, and that alle foreyners burgeyses shaln be contributorie to alle ye comone charges of the cite, whan it falleth³." But this phrase does not seem to have been usual; the boroughs were taxing merchant gildsmen's moveables without asking leave of the shires. This may have come about through the fact that the experience of the hundreds and rural townships in the tallaging of moveables was late as compared with that of the boroughs, for the boroughs, or some of them, may have secured "scot and lot" from the merchandise that was temporarily within their walls long before the rival communities of the hundreds had occasion to be interested in the matter.

Usage seems to have varied; Madox gives cases⁴ which shew

¹ Thus the charter to Lincoln (*Hist. MSS. Com. 14th Report*, part 8, p. 7), "*Precipio quod omnes qui de mercato vivunt et mercatum deducunt infra quatuor divisas que pertinent civitati Lincolniae reddant communiter cum civibus meis Lincolniae gelda mea et assisas civitatis sicut reddere solebant tempore regis Henrici et sicut juste cum eis esse debent, in cujuscunque terra maneant.*"

The charter to Wallingford contains the passage: "*Et si aliquis exierit de Burgo Walingford et vivat de mercato ipsius Walingford, precipio ut rectum gilde mercatorum faciat ipsis burgensibus ubicunque sit infra burgum vel extra.*" Gross, II. 265.

² The silence however is occasionally broken. At Barnstaple complaint was made to Henry IV. that the Mayor and burgesses made "burgesses by the wynde" of foreign merchants and victuallers repairing to the burgh, in derogation of the rights of the king and his said farmers (the Earl of Huntingdon's bailiffs, who were losing their toll), *Hist. MSS. Com. 9th Report*, pt. 1. p. 212. In the *Hundred Rolls*, I. 401, complaint is made that the community of Lynn use their liberty as they should not, receiving strangers "in advocacione sua occasione gilde sue," so that these strangers are quit elsewhere in fairs and boroughs to the grave damage of the king. In 1309 by a composition between the Bishop of Norwich and the Mayor and community of Lynn, the latter agreed not to tax the forinsec unless they made a year's stay. Strangers might expose goods for sale freely for forty days "as in other boroughs commonly." (The examples they had in mind were Bristol, and the Irish towns that took their rules from Bristol.) Totnes promised their lord to make their wandering merchants take up residence. Gross, II. 237. The "gild" that was in dispute between the men of Louth and Lincoln may have been the Lincoln tallage. Gross, II. 147, 379.

³ Gross, II. p. 190.

⁴ *Hist. of the Exchequer*, pp. 500-2. *Firma Burgi*, pp. 273-7. But it is not quite clear that on the strength of these passages Madox was prepared to accept a view which admits non-resident gildsmen.

plainly that in some boroughs tallage was claimed on one of two grounds, either by reason of residence, or by reason of mercantile privileges shared. To prove exemption it seems that the plaintiff must deny both. But the difficulty experienced in getting the tallage, the desire that there should be goods at hand to distrain in cases of obstinate refusal, or a house to pull down as a punishment for the neglect of communal duties, and the jealousy of the native burgesses, who bore the burden of the watch and the hue and cry and the protection of the city, made some towns insist on residence or on the sharing of these further burdens. At Leicester a modern translator construes the judicial decision of 1281 (p. 192) to make the Bishop's tenants promise not only "scot and lot" but "to have the watch and cries." So at Worcester, where the foreign burgess could keep his franchise if he came to the town within a year, he was required to pay "task, tallage, knighten pence, watches, and other charges." At Preston the oath of the free burgess not inhabiting within the borough was, like that of the inhabitant, "You shall be contributory to all manner of charges within this town, as summons, watches, contributions, tasks, tallages, lot and scot, and all other charges, bearing your part as a freeman ought to do." At an early date Hereford required residence, at least that the burgess should be "levant and couchant," for there the demands made in the "tuition" of the town were very heavy¹. In some cases the requirement of residence comes in only at a late date, in a few it is early².

It rested with each borough to decide on what terms it would offer the gild-franchise³. Those who shared its benefits must bear its burdens. The commonest tallage, the most costly tallage, was taken for the protection of franchises already secured, or for the purchase of new franchises. The whole of the borough expenses as they figure in the Leicester accounts are more or less directly connected with the maintenance of franchise. But if tallage was heavy it was after all

¹ *Archæol. Ass. Journ.* xxvii. The phrase "levant and couchant" is often repeated in Irish rules. Undue attempts had been made to get rid of local dues by acquiring tenements in corporate places where the merchant did not reside. It is required that they shall be couchant and levant and at scot and lot with the burgesses. *Gale's Inquiry*, p. 35. And cf. Round's *Feudal England*, p. 554.

² Thus at Helston, King John's charter ordered that none of the burgesses should enjoy the franchises granted unless he was resident. Madox (quoting Brady), *Firma Burgi*, p. 270.

³ At Preston the foreign burgess had no right of common on marsh or moor, and paid an annual fee for readmission. In some cases the forinsec's heir might not inherit. (Gross, II. 226 etc.) The Totnes roll gives an example of a man sharing the franchise of two boroughs: "est de libertate Exon' et hic prius non talliavit ad libertatem." In Domesday Book it is stated that Totnes gelded only when Exeter did. *D. B.* 108 b. Gross, II. 241.

occasional, and, in the long run, trifling as compared with toll. To purchase freedom from toll and liberty to trade might be worth while, though it meant subjection to borough tallage.

If then a certain number of men dwelling in neighbouring villages, or in more distant places, are reckoned in the tallage-rolls because they had merchandise in the borough-market or a borough-lodging, the tallage-rolls form no very exact clue to population. The longest rolls would give us from four to five hundred tallage-paying householders¹ in Leicester in 1269 and onwards. When it is remembered that these rolls include none of the religious, none of the very poor², that within the walled space of some 130 acres we hear of very few streets, that the Castle and the Dominicans and Franciscans occupied a considerable portion of the space, that there were orchards and gardens and crofts attached to houses within the walls³, that there was only one large suburb, it may the more readily be believed that this number covers some who were not resident.

In the fullest group of tallage-rolls (1269-71) there is some evidence pointing to the fact that in all quarters except the South the larger number of village-names fall in the quarter whose gate would be first approached by the merchant coming from that village. The fact is of interest when read in the light of the Worcester rule, which orders men resorting to the city and taking the freedom of the burgess-ship to tallage "within the ward that he cometh first into the said city by⁴." We may perhaps imagine the tax-collectors⁵ as stationed at the gates with their list of names, and gathering there the sums "affeered." We can thus account for the grouping in quarters. The tallage-rolls keep a more or less regular sequence; after the lapse of many years the same names recur roughly speaking in the same order.

3. *The Bishop's Fee and Tallage.* The agreement between the Earl's men and the Bishop's men on the subject of tallage in 1281 (pp. 191-5) seems on the face of it to indicate the existence of a sharp distinction between the community of the town and that of the gild, but it has already been shewn that it is hard to reconcile

¹ In a few rare cases there occur the names of brothers or sisters occupying a house together.

² A frequent exemption in the royal tallage on boroughs was in favour of all with less than 10s. worth of moveables.

³ In a map made before 1725 which Mrs Fielding Johnson has kindly shewn me, such crofts and gardens and orchards are represented in detail.

⁴ Toulmin Smith's *English Gilds*, p. 390.

⁵ "Insidiatores," waylayers, the toll-collectors were called at Hereford.

such an interpretation with the evidence of the rolls. It seems possible that the judges drew a distinction for the Bishop's men which did not exist for others. The judges saw a clear distinction between the royal tallage, or that quasi-royal tallage which the Earl took by the King's leave, and tallages which the town laid upon itself to relieve itself of its various debts. But whereas all other gildsmen shared in both descriptions of tallage, it was agreed to exempt the Bishop's gildsmen from the first, unless they happened to occupy burgess-tenements. The judges do not use the word "tallage," yet the evidence of the tallage-rolls would point to the fact that their phrase "amercement or fine which touches the commune of the town" covers tallage.

On three occasions there appears in the tallage-rolls of the present volume a separate list headed *Tenentes Episcopi*¹. Now as it is certain that the Bishop had a few tenements within the walls², as well as tenements without, these lists may contain the names of some gildsmen owning burgess-tenements, who are grouped with gildsmen owning no such tenements, because all came under the collectors of the Bishop's Fee. The Bishop's tenants in 1270 refused to be tallaged, by the collectors appointed by the Mayor, to the twentieth which the Earl took by royal licence (p. 146)³. The gild retaliated by making it a condition of entrance that the gildsman should not dwell on the Bishop's Fee (p. 112), or by securing an oath from the tenant of obedience in all things to the confederates of the gild, in lot and in scot and in all other things, whether he were of the Bishop's Fee or not. Further it is ordered that no jurat might dwell on the Bishop's Fee⁴. It is after the agreement that the separate lists begin:—

(1) In 1286, 18 Bishop's men were separately tallaged to a fine raised by the advice of the Earl on account of a certain trespass (p. 211), the story of which is unknown.

(2) In about 1289 (pp. 211, 212) 13 pay separately to a present of more than £20 to the Earl. In such a case the agreement required that the tenants' consent should be obtained, and they are found paying to their own collectors.

¹ In one roll the title is omitted, but the list is clearly another instance.

² See above p. xviii.

³ Again in 1279 the Bishop's tenants paid separately to a fine for the use of the King's Marshal, p. 173.

⁴ Peter Oumfrey or Umfrey is in the list of Bishop's tenants, p. 211, and there was a bailiff of this name in 1274 (p. 116 note), a Mayor 1298-9, a bailiff 1299-1300; the name of John Martin also occurs in a list of Bishop's tenants (p. 326), and in a list of jurats, p. 219. Whether or no the exclusion was kept up is therefore doubtful.

(3) In 1319-20 (p. 326) 15 pay separately to a fine levied by the King's Marshal, the agreement requiring that they should pay according to the proportion belonging to them when the King's ministers took a common fine for weights or measures.

(4) In 1318 (p. 313) in the double list of payers to the Earl's present, and to the greenwax, 10 persons, described elsewhere as Bishop's tenants, escape the greenwax, or amercement under a special Exchequer summons, which was paid by all others. This escape from the greenwax seems best accounted for on the supposition that these ten were not burgesses¹.

On all other occasions the names of the Bishop's tenants, as known to us from the separate lists, are found in the ordinary course among the names of the East suburb. On one occasion only does this fact present difficulties, namely the presence of some of these tenants in the tallage called "*pro antiquis dominicis*," 2 Edward II. (p. 255). As some of these are named among the Bishop's tenants who escaped the greenwax, in all likelihood the list ought not to be explained by the supposition that they were occupants of burgage tenements. The title of the tallage is in itself curious, for Leicester was not "*ancient demesne*," but, like the other boroughs, had been lately made to pay tallage when the King's demesne manors were tallaged. A grant of a twentieth and fifteenth had been made 13 Oct. 1307 by a Parliament in which the borough of Leicester was represented. On Nov. 28, 1307, the royal forms for the assessment were issued, bringing "*all cities, boroughs and ancient demesnes*"² under the fifteenth, and the shires under the twentieth³.

An entry on p. 261 makes it appear that the town was taxed only at the rate that was imposed upon the counties, for on Jan. 30, 1308, "the assessors of the twentieth penny from the town of Leicester" stayed there for some days and were fed at the community's expense. In 1316-7 again the community made suit for the tallage of the sixteenth (p. 305), the rate imposed upon the county, and this time probably without success for in subsequent

¹ Fitzherbert explained the greenwax as the issues and profits of sessions and assizes, the profits being estreated (or written out) by the justices and returned to the King's Exchequer, afterwards to be copied again and sent down to the sheriff to levy, and to make account of, to the Exchequer. Harland's *Mamecestre*, p. 123.

² *Parl. Writs*, II. i. 14, 15.

³ The rolls were to be made up by March 1308; the Leicester roll was late, being at the earliest after Sept. 29, 1308. It is unfortunately misdated in the text, p. 255; for 1307 should be read 1308-9.

tallages¹ Leicester paid the full borough fraction. Now so long as Leicester was taxed with the county the Bishop's tenants would pay the same proportion whether they paid as Leicester men or as men of the Hundred of Gartree. In and before 1281 the system of taxation was of a different character. By royal grant every tenant-in-chief might tallage his men at the time when the King tallaged his ancient demesne. The Bishop claimed that such tallages on his men were his own, not the Earl's². There was as yet no question of dealing with royal collectors. But then came a change. In 1296 Leicester was first brought under the scheme of national subsidy by Edward I., when all towns of whatever tenure or liberty were ordered to contribute with the ancient demesnes. In 1297 the same requirement was made, but not again till 1307 and 1316. The precedents that were to determine the position of a mediatised borough were just at this time becoming established³, and the Bishop's tenants were inexperienced. But as soon as Leicester fell under the heavier borough-rate, they paid, as the agreement allowed, with the men of Gartree Hundred, and those few only who occupied burgage tenements remained with the town; the names of these latter, never being distinguished, cannot be identified. The records bear traces of a fresh

¹ The subsidy-rolls at the Record Office are not extant for Leicester till the reign of Edward III., and the entries on the Pipe Rolls have not yielded any light on Edward II.'s Leicester tallages.

² Vincent (*Lancashire Subsidy Rolls*) gives a list of the payments from the boroughs to the King's twentieth in 1269 which is worth quoting here to give an idea of the relative importance of Leicester and of the severity of the Earl's system of collection :

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
London	285	3	0	Lynn	} each	66	33	4
Cinque Ports	563	6	8	Scarborough				
York	200	0	0	Grimsby				
Lincoln	120	0	0	Stamford	} each	40	0	0
Yarmouth	100	0	0	Nottingham				
Worcester	100	0	0	Canterbury				
Winchester	90	0	0	Shrewsbury		38	1	0
				Stamford		33	6	8
				Southampton		33	0	0
				Northampton		29	13	4

Now the Leicester tallage which the Earl took by royal licence amounted to £74. 17s. 10d. if the totals from the quarters be added. This is without the suburb of which there is no roll. (The original adds the totals to £55. 8s. 10d., p. 145.) The "Extracta Vicesime," whatever that was, amounted to £60. 2s. 4d. (or £60. 1s. 4d. in the original), this including the suburb.

³ Cf. Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* II. 243, 543, note, and Vincent's *Lancashire Subsidies* in the Lancashire Record Society. At Cambridge in 1338 petition was made that the town might be reunited to the county in all ordinances and burdens whatsoever, for that in times past they were charged with the county in furnishing archers and hobelers and in other burthens. The answer was to the effect that this could not be done unless the charters they then had were revoked. Cooper's *Annals*, I. 92.

dispute with the Fee in 1322 (p. 341), and it may be concluded that the Bishop's men won their case. Henceforth they paid the royal subsidy with the Hundred of Gartree. Their example was dangerous, for in 1322 the men of Belgravegate talked of doing as the men of Humberstonegate had done; they proposed to pay their taxes with the county and not with the town (p. 331).

Another problem is offered in the position of the female tallage-payers, and in particular that of the female tenants of the Bishop. No woman's name occurs in the list of gild entries, and it is clear that at Leicester women were not admitted¹. But laws were passed regulating their conduct in retail trades, and it is possible that the husband's gild may have admitted the wife or widow² to trade. Wives of butchers, for instance, were allowed to sell cooked meat. Probably therefore if a Bishop's tenant had denied her liability to be tallaged, she would have been prevented from trading, but the rolls never charge a woman with trespass against her gild, never require that she should forfeit her gild. Her trading position was probably more analogous to that of the "stallati" than to that of the gildsmen, and when the gildsmen of the Fee in Humberstonegate were paying with Leicester, means could have been found to make the women householders of the Fee pay with their neighbours if they had ventured to make resistance. For the purpose of tallage, women were "homines Leycestrie³." They frequently indulged in abuse of tax-collectors, and for their violence their husbands, if they had husbands, were called on to answer before the gild. In one case a woman appeared to answer for her own offence (p. 309). The clergy likewise were not gild members, and many of the pleas charge gildsmen with trading with the money of the Abbot, the masters of the hospitals, the sisters of St Leonard's and others; the reason for their exclusion from the gild was no doubt the fact that they did not lot and scot with the laity⁴.

4. *Accounts.* The Earl's reforming charter of 1277 had ordered an annual account, from the Mayor and collectors, to the community, or to auditors selected by the community. The "bailiff" of the Castle might be called on to enforce the rendering of account, but it was to the community in the Gildhall that account was rendered, not

¹ In many towns they were admitted, and their names are found in lists headed "Names of burgesses."

² The widows of burgesses had rights of common when the fields were being enclosed.

³ Madox, *Firma Burgi*, p. 281, note.

⁴ The case of Magister Nicolaus, rector, who entered the gild (p. 220), is a possible exception. One Nicolaus Magister paid in the tallage roll (p. 209 (3)) and may be the said rector.

to the Earl in his court. The gradual process by which the rendering of account was systematized and at last stereotyped is well illustrated by these records. In the earlier rolls the Mayor arranged the distribution of gild payments towards the communal claims, and gild-fees were transferred to the tallage account or were cancelled in payment of services rendered¹. Thus the Mayor was paid his expenses out of an individual's gild entrance-fee (pp. 70, 86); the creditor might have his debts to various tallages struck off the account till his debt was paid (p. 175), the tallage of one was transferred to another, who perhaps had to exact the tallage as best he might (p. 226). With a formal method of account these practices stopped. Every year brought claims on the community which the entrance-fees and gild-fines did not suffice to defray, and the community had no other permanent income. Its solitary rent was the 4s. for the hire of four shops under the solar of the Gildhall, and, later, the rent of a room at one of the Gates. For the payment of its "divers debts," it depended on tallage of its own collecting. The Earl Edmund directed that as far as possible the Mayor should set only one tallage at a time. But the Earl ordered that if there should arise sudden occasion for captions of goods to defray town needs, tallies were to be given, and if not paid in 40 days², payment might be demanded in the Portmoot, and if then after a week the tally was not paid, the "bailiff" of the Castle should cause it to be raised at once from the community. A tallage having been taken, and the debts paid, any residue was to be put in the common purse, sealed with the two seals of those of the worthiest of the community. No note explaining the method by which a resolution to tallage was come to, is entered on any roll.

The town's tally, or what was as good evidence, a statement on the gildroll that the debt was due, sufficed the less eager creditors, for the town's credit was good. It is recorded of only one Mayor, Henry of Ruddington, that he grew tired of waiting for payment and got the Steward to summon a gild-meeting (p. 187) at which his accounts were balanced and his debts on tallages were deducted. The passage in which the story is told reads as if this eager seeking for speedy payment was not admired. In most years the Mayor left office having spent more and not less than the money he had received; expenses had a habit of exceeding receipts, and the Mayor was constantly the community's creditor, but he waited patiently and

¹ Cf. the Totnes, Ipswich, and Lynn early accounts.

² In the French boroughs that had the *Lorris* custom the period was a fortnight. Prou, *loc. cit.* p. 172.

was paid at last. One Mayor (p. 227) excused the community part of a debt that was due to him, but his public spirit was exceptional. If eager for repayment the Mayor perhaps could withhold his tallage dues, as Ruddington had done. The office of receiver of gild-pence is singularly intermittent. It would seem that it lay in the Mayor's discretion whether or not to appoint an agent. In some cases the receiver accounts for the expenditure in whole or in part, but as a rule it is the Mayor who both receives and spends. There was no systematic appointment of chamberlains or treasurers until the town bought the Firma Burgi in 1375.

The nature of the communal spending is made fairly clear. The heaviest payments were in protection of franchise, in fines or in evading fines. Thus (p. 233 sqq.) £50 was paid in order that the Marshal and Sheriff's fines should be brought down to £20¹. But besides these, there were also certain fixed "exhennia," presents to the King's or the Earl's officials, great men or small, which may have originated in some far earlier tributes.

The claims that the "exhennia" cover may have early called forth a burghal "scot and lot." In the thirteenth century the presents were drawing to an orderly pattern. It appears to be known in a rough way what amount of wine, beer, and bread will be due to men of one rank; whose wives should be encouraged to expect a gift; which officials might demand hose or horse-harness. The law allowed the judges and the sheriffs to do a certain amount of eating and drinking at the community's expense², and their standard of what was requisite varied we may suppose with prices and their experiences in other towns. Personal idiosyncrasy was cared for; Roger Beler was allowed eels because he did not eat meat (p. 336). There are also the gifts for obtaining advice, aid, or favour, for instance to the Dominicans for a timely word in the King's confessor's ear (p. 333) £2, to the Sheriff (p. 334) a mark, for sending only two wool-merchants' names when the King asked for all to come to York. The purchase of favourable audience might make a world of difference in

¹ The danger of heavy fine was a serious matter; at Lynn a fine of £6000 was exacted in 13 Ed. II. by Robert de Montalt. Harrod's *Report*, p. 94.

² Foss, *Judges*, III. 31. The judges of trailbaston took an oath that they would take no gift of anyone for pleading or other thing, except it be to eat and drink "à la journée." The acceptance of a breakfast was generally allowed. Cf. Nichols, I. i. 157, on the Sheriffs' promise, 42 Hen. III., to take nothing by reason of their office "except only eatables and drinkables which are usually carried to the tables of great persons and what are sufficient for one day only." They are not to have more than 5 horses at a hospice. Cf. Green's *Town Life*, I. 213, for other examples of present-giving.

the judges' treatment of jurors in the process of catechization to which they had to submit¹.

The Earl's "captions" again are not easily to be distinguished from his "exhennia." It appears that the Earl ordered the community to provide him with a certain quantity of wheat, kine, sheep, pigs, malt, iron (p. 124), wax, spices, meat, bread, paste, beer, herring, oats, coal, cloth, vinegar, barrels (p. 126), and the prices paid for the goods are enrolled. Perhaps the gild could compel individuals to sell their goods for the caption², and paid for the purchase of such goods by a tallage. The pence which the gild at one time refused to enrol may have been spent on purchases of this kind (pp. 96, 98).

There was further the cost of law-suits over the Cowhay and the Bishop's Fee. The Cowhay dispute might well have been the occasion for a differentiation of the interests of the burgess and the gildsman, but the fusion seems to have been already so far complete that no financial division was possible. There is no mention of any communal spending on the enclosing or ditching of meadows³. When the Sheriff distrained the "communia averia" for the greenwax (pp. 341-2) the sufferers were probably those who were unlucky enough to have their beasts seized⁴. Their losses may perhaps have been defrayed out of a greenwax tallage. The King's Marshal's fine for measures appears to have been assessed by the community on the guilty individuals (p. 237).

In Edward II.'s reign, the Earl, following the example of the King, began to levy an armed force at the cost of the community. In 1311 the King had to withdraw his request for an armed man from each township, to be maintained for seven weeks by the township⁵, but in 1311-12 the Earl got 20 archers, provided with

¹ *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 643 (1st edit.).

² It would seem that on the occasion of the gathering of great stores of tribute in kind, the opportunity for a gild feast might arise more easily than at the regular meeting, when only the beer of transgressors was there to be drunk. The English rendering of the Winchester rule "Kant len purvoit bevere gilde markande" is "whanne me porveyde gylde chaffare." "Ceus ke si serrunt aquilliz serunt hloitez a quatre meisuns...e kant len avera beu gilde markande, les quatre mesuns soi assemblerunt a voier ce ke il averunt leve" of which the English rendering is "and whanne me hath wel trewe y-chaffare in the fourre howses, hii shulle hem assembly for to y-se that hii habbeth arered." Gross, II. 255, 256. The phrase of the Bremen tanners was "nullus eorum tempore convivii quod gildescap dicitur, se inebriare debebit." Wilda, p. 333.

³ Such payments occur in the Beverley accounts, ed. Poulson. The payment for ditches, p. 316 below, is probably for the town ditch under the walls.

⁴ The payments from a few women "pro bestiis," pp. 130, 134, may be connected with a levy of this kind.

⁵ Cf. Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* II. 566.

necessary clothing, and arms, at the town's cost for a month. A tallage was levied to defray the cost. In September 1316 the King required all men between the ages of sixteen and sixty to be ready in certain parts of the country¹ to serve in the Scotch war. The arming and wages of ten foot-soldiers and thirty archers sent to the Earl in October are set forth on p. 302. Similarly there were levies in 1318-19 (p. 320) and in 1322 (pp. 333, 340, 344).

The only payment in connection with the town prisoners that is given here is the cost of the transport of rebels to York (p. 342).

The community was to a certain extent an "improving" body, frequently rebuilding or tinkering its Gildhall, doing up the town-cross with fresh paint and sculpture, not always content to leave damaged pavement in the principal streets to the too haphazard mending of the individual, whose house abutted thereon (p. 247²). Of the community's bridge and wall-building mention has been made above. There were further the fees of men who rode on the community's behalf on any errand, to parliament, to carry money to the Earl, to bring news of great events, and also the fixed stipends of the serjeant and the clerk.

Space forbids that an analysis of the prices and wages recorded in this volume should be attempted here; nor would it be possible to generalize from the somewhat slender data noted in these records; it is hoped however that for the purpose of comparison with other accounts, the more detailed passages will prove useful.

These records treat of mediæval life almost exclusively from one point of view, that of the town-clerk. Politics, religion, morals, sentiment were all alike alien to his purpose. But his prosy record of matter of fact has a charm of its own altogether apart from its historical value. As to his language, it has to be borne in mind that he was rapidly translating the gildsmen's English into Latin of a sort; his sentences leave a good deal to be understood, they are often mere notes of sentences. His grammar and spelling are constantly open to correction, but except where they seemed likely to mislead I have allowed the mistakes to stand unmarked. On the second roll the scribe gives the titles of lists which he intended to write out, and did not write out; for discrepancies of this kind the reader must be prepared.

¹ Cf. *Parl. Writs*, II, i. 482. Leicestershire is not included in the writs here printed.

² And see above on the grants of "pavage" to the community. In the rolls of the next period there are many entries that concern the making and mending of ways.

In the first gild-roll the capitals of the original have been followed, but in the later rolls where the names become more stereotyped, capitals have been inserted.

The difficulty of selection has been great, for the number of the rolls that have been preserved raised ever and anon the hope that something like complete statistics might be forthcoming, and that names and payments might thus acquire a special interest. But the sequence is sufficiently imperfect to make completeness out of the question, and I have therefore felt the less reluctance in excluding some of the lists of names and payments. I have given a description of each tallage-roll, but the full list of names and payment only from the rolls which are in best preservation or which are of particular importance in completing the series. In the gild-rolls I believe that no fact of material value lies concealed under an '(etc.)'¹ but only the date on which the fractions of the payment were to be made. The cases and accounts which follow a formula already printed are translated or merely calendared.

The present grouping of the records in the Leicester muniment room is perhaps sufficiently explained by the references in the text. The Vellum Book contains copies of documents in which some Leicester official saw a special value, and the bulk of it seems to have been written in the fourteenth century. The penmanship is a work of art, and more ambitious than the court-hand of the clerks.

The chronological sequence of the rolls as they are now arranged is so irregular that a key is appended to shew the place of any record included in the present volume.

It is hard for me to express in terms that are at all adequate my deep feeling of gratitude to Mr W. H. Stevenson for his singular kindness in consenting to revise my proofs. That there remain, even after his revision, some grave errors in my text, I fear is certain, but those who are acquainted with the perfection of his scholarship will know that these errors could never have been made by him, and would never have been overlooked if the proof in all its stages had been constantly under his eye.

My obligations to Archdeacon Stocks are no less. He has read the whole of the proof especially with a view to the correction of local names, but I owe to his help far more than this, inasmuch as I have had constantly the benefit of his invaluable counsel in all matters that concerned the business and the method of the undertaking.

¹ An etc. not in brackets may be understood to stand so in the original.

I have been privileged also to have Professor Maitland's advice on various points of difficulty, and for his corrections and suggestions I would make grateful acknowledgment here. It is needless to say that I alone am to blame for any erroneous views propounded in this Introduction.

The records used for the present volume were temporarily deposited for safe-keeping in the Cambridge University Library, and I owe many thanks to the librarian, Mr Francis Jenkinson, who kindly undertook the charge.

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

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- 6, l. 6, insert *sic* after "liciat."
- 11, l. 3 from foot, *for* Mortivall *read* Martivall.
- 12, note 8, *for* Peterborough *read* Burrough.
- 13, note 1, the same.
- 14, note 6, *for* Frogmore *read* Frogmir. See Nichols II. ii. 352.
note 14, *for* Lillbourne *read* Lilbourne.
- 15, l. 1, omit *sic* after "sui." "Ansel" is probably for "Hansel."
- 17, l. 12, *for* Frogmore *read* Frogemir.
l. 20, *for* thindivorche *read* thindivorth (Theddingworth).
- 24, l. 18, *for* Ealf *read* Galf.
- 25, invert the last two paragraphs of the translation.
- 34, l. 16, *for* quit *read* quietus.
l. 9 of translation, *for* *for* *read* from.
- 53, in the second title, *for* patent *read* charter.
- 55, in the title, the same.
- 56, in the title, *for* Third Charter *read* Patent.
note 1, delete second paragraph.
- 57, xxxii should precede xxii. See Introduction p. xxiii
- 62, l. 24, delete ? before Croft.
- 63, l. 16, *for* Mic. *read* Nic.
- 68, l. 5 of translation, *for* Shelford (? Notts) *read* Seale.
- 73, l. 11 of translation, *for* Shelford (?) *read* Seale.
last line but one, *for* Twarkeston *read* Swarkestone.
- 76, l. 1 of translation, *for* Loseby *read* Lowesby.
delete note 2. See Introduction p. xliii.
- 82, delete note 4.
- 104, note 1, add "See Introduction p. xli."
- 107, l. 4, *for* Roddington *read* Ruddington.
- 108, add note to Martivall, "He was then Sheriff."
- 119, l. 18, *for* de, *read* le.
- 120, note 1, add "See Introduction p. xxv."
- 127, in note 1, *for* Stock, *read* Stocks.
- 135, l. 2, *for* No. 61 *read* No. 62.
- 145, l. 18, delete full-stop after Coc.
l. 22, *for* Roll 62 *read* 61.
l. 1 of translation, *for* Roddington *read* Ruddington.

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- 149, l. 2, insert comma after "majore," and in lines 2 and 9 of translation.
- 158, l. 25, *for* has proved his *read* has proof of his.
- 165, l. 20, *for* needs *read* business.
- 174, l. 6 of translation, *for* the house *read* a house. St John's Hospital owned land near St Martin's, see Nichols II. ii. App. 113.
- 191, l. 9, *for* Box 3 *read* Box 1.
- 198, l. 8 of translation, *for* Wheeler (?) *read* Rough.
- 199, l. 1 of small print, *for* West *read* South.
- 201, l. 15, *for* [et venit ad] *read* [et non venit ad] and insert "not" in the translation.
- 202, l. 4 from foot, *for* where *read* whereas.
- 203, *for* 1219 *read* 1289.
- 207, insert note to Master of Dalby, "Master of the House of Knights Hospitallers at Dalby-on-the-Wolds."
- 212, l. 6, *for* 1288-9 *read* 1287.
- 216, l. 21, *for* Lillebourne *read* Lilbourne.
l. 4 from foot, *for* Glenn *read* Glen.
- 219, l. 11 of translation, insert *sic* after death. See Introduction p. xxix.
- 220, note 2 applies to Nic. Rector, line 12, not to Nic. Caritas, line 15.
- 221, l. 4 of translation, *for* Beby *read* Beeby.
- 222, l. 18, *for* le Willuby *read* de Willuby.
- 224, l. 3 of translation, *for* Wimeswould *read* Wymeswold.
- 232, l. 16, *for* Gunfrey *read* Ounfrey.
- 233, l. 3 of translation, *for* Alsey *read* Alsy.
- 235, last line of text, *for* Reginald of Sheppey *read* R. of Sheepy.
- 239, note 1, *for* 1287 *read* 1297, and *for* 1286 *read* 1296.
- 252, l. 13, *for* 1307-8 *read* 1306-7.
- 255, l. 14, *for* 1307 *read* 1308.
- 256, last entry but three, *for* Dolleman *read* Dodeman.
- 266, l. 17, *for* Nic. *read* Mic.
- 270, l. 11, *for* Donnington *read* Donington.
- 273, col. 3, l. 28, *for* Ronde *read* Roude.
- 282, l. 13, *for* Dunington *read* Donington.
- 288, l. 28, *for* improving *read* purchasing.
- 303, l. 7, *for* ferina *read* farina.
- 333, l. 9, *for* cauenace *read* caneuace.
- 346, *for* de Flyncham *read* of Flintham.
- 353, note 2, *for* Edward III *read* Edward Prince of Wales.
- 355, l. 12, *for* Ronde *read* Roude.
- 356, l. 6 from foot, *for* Manneys *read* Mauueys.
- 357, l. 8, *for* Wolneye *read* Wolueye.
- 359, l. 8 of translation, *for* to *read* from.
- 365, l. 12, *for* Wlreuchampton *read* Wlrenehampton.
- 377, l. 18, *for* "Thornhedge" *read* Thornhaugh (Thornhedge).

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No 71.
R. comes levē oib; forestariis & ministris suis de foresta
levis salm concedo burgensib; meis de leic. mās homi & su
maiorz suor quietas ab oī osuetudine & in bosco & in pla
no vsq; ad domos suas de quacūq; pte aut de cūq; foresta
veniant sicut in eis meli' nūq' melius fuerit tempe patre
mei Et sup hoc philro ne distulerit hoīes aut sumā
rū eoz. J. R. pmt. J. britclū

11
No 72
R. comes de ocell. & pmt. atq; omib; baronib; suis
Francigenis atq; Anglicis tota' sue terre anglie & aliorū
daatis me concessisse miratorib; meis ley. & leam eoz
miratorz tam oib; osuetud. amb; quib; tenuerit i tēpe
regis Willelmi & regis Willelmi filii & modo in tempore
Henr. Reg. Geste & fidei alati

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No 73
R. Henr. rex anglie. & c. estold vic vic & ministris suis
& de Oxenfort & alim preapio qd hoīes vobī com

2. BEGINNING OF THE FIRST MERCHANT GILD ROLL. See p. 12.



RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF LEICESTER.

I. *Copy of a Charter of Robert Count of Meulan to his Leicester merchants.* [1103—1118.] Vellum Book, No. 72.

Robertus Comes de Mellent Radulfo Pincernario¹ atque omnibus baronibus suis Francigenis atque Anglicis totius sue terre anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse mercatoribus meis leycestrie gildam eorum mercatorum cum omnibus consuetudinibus quibus tenuerunt in tempore regis Willelmi & Regis Willelmi filii ejus et modo in tempore Henrici Regis. Teste R. filio Alcitilli².

II. *Copy of a writ of Henry I. concerning the tolls on the Earl of Leicester's men at Oxford.* [1118—1135.] V. B. No. 73.

Henricus Rex Anglie Restoldo³ vicecomiti⁴ et ministris suis de Oxenefort salutem. Precipio quod homines Roberti comitis leycestrie

I. Robert Count of Meulan to Ralph the Butler and all his men, French as well as English, of all his land of England greeting. Know ye that I have granted to my merchants of Leicester the gild of their merchants with all the customs by which they held in the time of King William (the Conqueror) and of King William his son and now in the time of King Henry. The Witness being R. Alcitel's son.

II. Henry King of England to Restold Sheriff and his ministers of Oxford greeting. I order that the men of Robert Earl of Leicester be

¹ MS. *Pint*.

² ? O. E. *Ælfcytel* or perhaps *Anketil* (from *Ansketil*), or if the scribe has read long *s* as *l*, the name would be O. E. (O. N.) *Ascytel*. W. H. S. This charter is printed in Gross, *Gild Merchant*, II. 136.

³ MS. *R. Estold*², but see the precept addressed to Restoldus Sheriff of Oxford, c. 1122, in the Cartulary of St Frideswide, II. 22, to which Mr Stevenson has kindly directed my attention.

⁴ MS. *vic' vic'*.

sint quieti apud Oxenefort per tales consuetudines quales reddebant tempore Roberti comitis de Mellent. Et nullas alias consuetudines ab eis requiratis. Teste Nicolao de Albineio¹ apud Robrugam².

III. *Earl Robert (Bossu's) Charter confirming Customs.*

[1159—1162.] Box 11, No. 1³.

Robertus comes Legrecestrie Radulfo vicecomiti et omnibus baronibus et hominibus suis Francigenis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis quod ego et uolo et concedo quod burgenses mei de Legrecestria teneant omnes consuetudines suas bene et in pace et honorifice et quiete in Ghilda et in omnibus aliis consuetudinibus sicut eas umquam melius et quietius et honorificentius de patre meo tenuerunt. Testibus: Ernaldo de Bosco, Gaufrido Abbate, Radulfo iuniori, Johanne de Joi, Matheo de Uilers, Baldeuino de Charn, Radulfo Mult', Amfredo⁴ filio Alsi⁵, Rogero de Cranfort, Roberto capellano⁶.

quit at Oxford by such customs as they paid in the time of Robert Count of Meulan. And ye may require no other customs of them. The Witness being Nicholas de Albin at Redbridge.

III. Robert Earl of Leicester to Ralph the Sheriff⁷ and all his barons and men French and English greeting. Know ye that I desire and grant that my burgesses of Leicester may hold all their customs⁸ well and in peace honourably and quietly in the Gild and in all other customs as well and quietly and honourably as they ever held them of my father. The Witnesses being Ernald of the Wood, Geoffrey the Abbot, Ralph Junior, John de Joy, Matthew de Vilers, Baldwin of Charn(wood), Ralph Multon, Anfred Alsi's son, Roger of Cranford, Robert the chaplain.

¹ MS. *Albinero*, *i* having been misread *r*.

² Probably Redbridge.

³ An original.

⁴ The third stroke of *m* is faintly dotted.

⁵ O. E. *Ælfsige*.

⁶ This charter is printed in Jeaffreson's Index.

⁷ Ralph Basset was Sheriff Easter 1159—Michaelmas 1162. Eyton, p. 338.

⁸ In the sense of customary tolls.

IV. *Copy of the Charter granting right of way in the Forest.*

[1118—1168.] V. B. No. 71.

Robertus comes leycestrie omnibus forestariis et ministris suis de foresta leycestrie salutem. Concedo burgensibus meis de leicestria uias hominum et summariorum suorum quietas ab omni consuetudine et in bosco et in plano vsque ad domos suas de quacumque parte aut de cuiuscumque foresta ueniant, sicut uidelicet unquam¹ melius fuerunt² tempore patris mei. Et super hoc prohibeo ne disturbentur homines aut summarii eorum. Teste Radulfo pincernario³. Apud⁴ britelium.

V. *Copy of the Earl's Confirmation of the Gild Merchant.*

[1118—1168.] V. B. No. 69.

Robertus comes Leycestrie omnibus fidelibus...⁵ anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse omnibus burgensibus meis leycestrie guildam marcatoriam cum omnibus consuetudinibus quas habebant in tempore patris mei et antecessorum meorum: precipio ut bene et honorifice et quiete teneant ut unquam melius. Testibus: Radulfo pincernario⁶, G. Turuill, Ricardo magistro⁷.

IV. Robert Earl of Leicester to all his foresters and ministers of the forest of Leicester greeting. I grant to my burgesses of Leicester the ways of men and of their packhorses quit of all custom in wood and in the open as far as their houses, from whatever part or from whosoever forest they may come, namely as well as they ever had (them) in the time of my father. And furthermore I forbid that the men or their packhorses be hindered. The Witness being Ralph the Butler. At Breteuil.

V. Robert Earl of Leicester to all (his) faithful men of England greeting. Know ye that I have granted to all my burgesses of Leicester the merchant gild with all the customs which they had in the time of my father and of my ancestors. I order that they hold (them) as well and honourably and quietly as they ever did. The Witnesses being Ralph the Butler, G. Turvile, Richard the master.

¹ MS. *melius unquam melius*.² Fuerunt is an error for habuerunt.³ MS. *Pint*.⁴ Written as a capital I.⁵ Blank in MS.⁶ MS. *R. pint*.⁷ Printed in Gross, II. 136.

VI. *Copy of a Charter freeing the Burgesses from pleading without the town.* [1118—1168.] V. B. No. 74.

Robertus comes leycestrie vicecomiti suo et omnibus iusticiariis et ministris suis de leycestria Francigenis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis quod ego omnibus burgensibus meis de Leycestria et omnibus illis qui in com[mun]itate eorum se tenere uoluerint, concedo tenere de me libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus et ab omnibus rebus pertinentibus hundredo et herieto et hoc per constitutos census suos et per crementum octo librarum. Ita quod neque per placitum neque propter aliquam consuetudinem eant extra leycestriam, set tantummodo ad coumecherchiam¹ sicut antiquitus constitutum fuit. Concedo etiam eis tenere gildam suam mercatoriam sicut melius umquam tenuerunt tempore patris mei. Testibus Radulfo pincernario² et Ricardo Magistro et Baldeuino de Graunt[mes]nil et Bernardo pincernario² apud Britelium.

VII. *Copy of the grant of Cowhay Pasture.* [1191—1204.]
V. B. No. 33.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Ego Robertus Comes de Leycestria dedi concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui liberis Burgensibus

VI. *English Translation in the Vellum Book, No. 19.*

R. Erle of Leicester to his vndersherif and to all his Justices and ministers of Leicester Frenssh and Englissh Greting. Knowe ye that I to all my Burgesses of Leicester and to all theme that in their Compayne woll hold theme selff Graunt to hold of me frelie and quietlie frome all custumes and frome all thynges pertenyng to hundred and heriet and that by their paymentes accustomed and also by the increment of viii li. So that neither by plee neither for eny custume thei goo owt of Leicester but oonlie to the Coumecherchie³ as of old tyme was accustomed. I graunt also to theme to hold their merchauntes gilde as they euer best held in tyme of my fater. Witnesse R. pint' & Ricardo Magistro & Baldeuino de Graunt[mes]nil & Barnardo Pint' at Britelium.

VII. Let all men present and future know that I Robert Earl of Leicester have given, granted and by my present charter have confirmed to

¹ ? for touncherchiam or communecherchiam, the town churchyard.

² Written *Pint*.

³ Glossed *Portemanmote*.

ville Leycestrie [infra] certos limites¹ existentibus, sicut diuise et mete per visum legalium virorum de consilio meo fuerunt assignate, quamdam pasturam que dicitur Kowheye extra portam de South' cum liberis ingressu et egressu per dominicum meum ad prefatam² pasturam pertinent', illam scilicet pasturam que iacet inter pasturam meam que uocatur Oxheye iuxta Molendinum amauri Danet ex parte vna et Taskholme ex parte altera: habendam et tenendam prefatam pasturam cum pertinentiis predictis Burgensibus meis et eorum heredibus siue³ assignatis, de me et heredibus [meis] libere, quiete et imperpetuum honorifice, faciendo inde mihi et heredibus meis siue successoribus meis pro qualibet vacca agistata vel agistanda siue pro singulis aueriis in prefata pastura agistatis vel agistandis tres denarios per annum. Pro hac autem concessione et confirmatione dederunt mihi prefati burgenses quandam [summam] pecunie in Gersoun premanibus ne ego, predictus Robertus, nec heredes mei vel successores mei, nec aliquis per nos nec pro nobis, aliquam calumpniam vel clameum in prefata pastura de cetero habere valeamus. In cuius rei testimonio hanc cartam sigillo meo roborauimus. Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Senuile⁴, Thoma Estirling, Radulfo Mortuals, Ernaldo de bosco, Gilberto miners, Galfrido de Craunford,

the free Burgesses of the town of Leicester dwelling within certain bounds, as the boundaries and measures were set out by view of lawful men of my council, a certain pasture which is called Cowhay outside the Southgate, with free ingress and egress through my demesne, belonging to the aforesaid pasture, that is to say (through) that pasture which lies between my pasture which is called Oxhay, next Amaur Danet's Mill on one side and Taskholm on the other: the aforesaid pasture, with the aforesaid appurtenances, to be had and held by my Burgesses and their heirs or assigns, of me and my heirs, freely, quietly and honourably for ever, paying to me and my heirs or my successors, for every cow agisted⁵ or to be agisted or for every beast in the aforesaid pasture agisted or to be agisted 3d. per year. For this concession and confirmation the aforesaid Burgesses have given me a certain sum of money in Gersuma⁶ beforehand, that neither I the aforesaid Robert nor my heirs nor my successors, nor any one through us or for us, may henceforth support any action or claim in the aforesaid pasture. In witness of which matter I have strengthened this charter with my seal. These being Witnesses: William de Senvile, Thomas Easterling, Ralph Martivall, Ernald of the

¹ MS. *limites*.

² MS. *prefatum*.

³ MS. *sue*.

⁴ Or Semule.

⁵ Lying there, pastured.

⁶ For an interesting note on this word see Steenstrup, *Normannerne*, IV. 301, where it is stated to be a thing of value given as a present to "do honour."

Henrico Costeyn, Willelmo [Tasch], [Simone] Curlewach, Johanne de [Sancto Laudo]¹ et aliis.

VIII. *Copy of the confirmation to Leicester Burgesses of privileges in Leicester Forest.* [? 1191—1204.] V. B. No. 70.

Robertus comes leircestrie senescallis suis et omnibus balliuis et omnibus forestariis de foresta leycestrie salutem. Concedo burgen-sibus meis de leycestria ut liciat eis ire in nemora vicinorum meorum (*sic*) quocumque uoluerint pro lignis et claustris et ceteris necessariis et habere uias quietas et liberas per forestam meam, scilicet per portam de deresfordia et per holengate vsque ad domos suas sicut melius et liberius umquam habuerunt tempore patris mei et sicut carta patris mei testatur quod ipsi habent et nullus forestariorum meorum ac ministrorum meorum super hoc disturbet aut homines eorum aut quadrigas aut summaria eorum. Testibus Magistro hugone clerico, Simeone clerico, Radulfo fridai, Radulfo de Martiuall, Simone Sorel, Ricardo filio Warin.

Wood, Gilbert Miners, Geoffrey of Cranford, Henry Costeyn², William Tasch, Simon Curlewach³, John of St Lo and others.

VIII. Robert Earl of Leicester to his stewards and all the bailiffs and foresters of the Forest of Leicester greeting. I grant to my Burgesses of Leicester that they may go into the woods of my neighbours, wherever they would, for wood and fencing and other necessities, and that they may have ways quit and free (of toll) through my forest, namely by Desford gate and by Holgate, to their houses as well and freely as ever they had them in the time of my father and as my father's charter testifies that they have, and none of my foresters or of my servants in this may hinder [them] or their men or their carts or packhorses. The Witnesses being Master Hugh the Clerk, Simeon the Clerk, Ralph Friday, Ralph de Martivall, Simon Sorell, Richard Warin's son.

¹ The names in this line are rubbed and almost obliterated.

² A Leicester merchant of importance, cf. Madox, *Excheq.* p. 330, Rot. Pip. 9 John 19 b.

³ On his history see Bémont citing Epp. Grosseteste (Rolls Series) and Matt. Paris. See also Madox, *Exch.* p. 325, 10 John Rot. 3 a, on his trade in hides. On the meaning of the word see a note in Hudson's *Leet Records* (Selden Society). As a personal name it may allude to personal appearance and be a nickname meaning Pumpkin-face; cf. *New English Dictionary* s. v. Chichevache, and Cotgrave, s. v. courle, gourd. Compare the Merchant Guild Rolls below on these burgesses.

IX. *John's Charter to the Burgesses.* [Dec. 26, 1199.]

Box 16, No. 4.

Johannes Dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie, Aquitanie, Comes Andegavie, Archiepiscopus, Episcopus, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus ville Leircestrie quod libere et sine omni impedimento eant et redeant et negocientur per totam terram nostram cum omnibus rebus et marchandisis suis, Saluis nobis et aliis debitis et justis consuetudinibus. Testibus, Willelmo Marescallo Comite de Penbroc, Willelmo Comite Saresberiensis, Willelmo de Humet constabulario Normannie, Willelmo de Rupibus, Warino filio Geroldi, Thoma Basset. Datum per manus S[imonis] Wellensis Archidiaconi et Johannis de Gray apud Bure xxvi. die Decembris anno regni nostri primo¹.

(Royal seal, imperfect.)

X. *Another of the same date.* Box 16, No. 3.

Johannes (as above)...ville Leircestrie quod omnes empcones et vendiciones terrarum ville Leircestrie que facte sunt et que fient

IX. John by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, reeves and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our present charter have confirmed to the Burgesses of the town of Leicester that they may go and come freely and without hindrance and may trade through all our land with all things and with their merchandise, saving to us and to others the just and due customs. The Witnesses being William Marshall Earl of Pembroke, William Earl of Salisbury, William de Humet Constable of Normandy, William des Roches, Warin Gerald's son, Thomas Basset. Dated by the hands of Simon Archdeacon of Wells and John de Gray at Bures on the 26th day of December, in the first year of our reign.

X. John (as above)...town of Leicester that all purchases and sales of lands of the town of Leicester which are and which shall be made reasonably

¹ Printed in Nichols, i. i. 97, and in *Hist. Com. Report*, and translated by Thompson, p. 51. For other charters of John to Leicester see *Cart. Ant.* (Pipe Roll Society) no. 69, dated 21 July, 1199, and see below, 1236, for an Inspeimus of his charter of 19 July, 1199.

racionabiliter in Portmanmoot eiusdem ville stabiles et firme permaneat. Testibus (as above)¹. (Royal seal, imperfect.)

XI. *Copy of a Charter from Earl Robert Fitzsparnel releasing the Burgesses from certain payments.* [1191—1204.] V. B. No. 75.

Robertus comes Leycestrie filius Petronille comitis Leycestrie omnibus presens scriptum inspecturis salutem. Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et [pro animabus] omnium antecessorum meorum et omnium successorum meorum dimisisse et omnino quietos clamasse a me et heredibus meis in perpetuum illos denarios qui cepi (*sic*) solebant annuatim de burgensibus meis leycestrie ad metendum segetes meos apud leycestriam et illos insimul denarios qui cepi (*sic*) solebant de singulis vaccis in defenso meo pro escapura et insimul illos denarios qui capi solebant de carectis portantibus bladum de leycestria ad alium molendinum quam ad molendinos meos de leicestria. Et ut ratum habeatur in posterum appositione sigilli mei scriptum presens muniui. Hiis testibus, Paulo abbate Leycestrie², Ricardo celerario de lira³ et multis aliis⁴.

in the Portmanmoot of the same town shall remain firm and stable. Witnesses as above.

XI. Robert Earl of Leicester son of Petronilla Countess of Leicester to all about to inspect the present writing greeting. Be it known to all of you that I for the health of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and all my successors, have released and entirely quitclaimed from myself and my heirs for ever those moneys which were taken annually from my burgesses of Leicester, for reaping my cornlands at Leicester, together with those moneys which were taken for every cow within my fence as escape-money⁵, and together with those moneys which were taken from carts carrying corn from Leicester to any mill other than my mills of Leicester. And that it may be established in time to come, I have strengthened this writing by setting my seal hereto. These being Witnesses: Paul, abbot of Leicester, Richard the cellarer of Lyre and many others.

¹ Printed by Nichols, and by Jeaffreson in his Index. Both charters are in *Rot. Chart.* p. 32.

² 1186—1205.

³ The abbey of Lyre held land at Hinckley.

⁴ Cf. a slightly different form in Nichols, i. i. 97.

⁵ Payment for damage done by every cow that has escaped into enclosed, cultivated land.

XII. *Richard Basset's Charter to St John's Hospital.*

[c. 1200.] Box 16, No. 2.

Ricardus Basset omnibus amicis suis et hominibus Francis et Anglicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et Beate Marie et Sancto Johanni et fratribus Domus Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Legresestrie ibi deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et [animarum] heredum meorum et antecessorum meorum donacionem illam quam Galfridus Blundel de Cossebi dedit et concessit deo et Sancto Johanni et predictis fratribus concessu et assensu heredum suorum et concessu et assensu et confirmacione domini sui Hugonis Dauuers et heredum suorum cum corpore suo quando se ibi deo reddidit et fraternitatem simul cum predictis fratribus recepit, scilicet unam virgatam terre in Cossebi de feodo meo cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra tenendam in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quantum ad me et heredes meos pertinet. Preterea confirmaui eis omnes tenuras et possessiones de feodo meo quas rationabiliter possident sicut carte eorum testantur, saluo forensi seruicio. His testibus, Willelmo Ridel fratre meo, Willelmo Sacerdote de Sancto Michael, Alexandro capellano de Sancto Michael, Willelmo filio Aswi¹, Alexandro clerico, Willelmo clerico, Willelmo

XII. Richard Basset to all his friends and his men French and English present and to come greeting. Know ye that I have granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to God and to the Blessed Mary and to St John and to the brethren of the Hospital of St John of Leicester serving God there, for the health of my soul and (of the souls) of my heirs and my ancestors, that gift which Geoffrey Blundel of Cosby gave and granted to God and St John and the aforesaid brethren, by the consent and assent of his heirs and the consent and assent and confirmation of his lord Hugh Danvers and his heirs, together with his body, when he gave himself to God there and entered into brotherhood with the aforesaid brethren, namely one virgate of land in Cosby of my fee with all its appurtenances within and without the vill, to hold in pure and perpetual alms as it belongs to me and my heirs. Furthermore I have granted to them all the tenures and possessions of my fee which they reasonably possess as their charters bear witness saving the forinsec service. These being Witnesses: William Ridel my brother, William Priest of St Michael's, Alexander Chaplain of St Michael's, William

¹ O. E. Æscwig.

filio Auger, Fulcone filio Aunildi, Geruasio clerico de Sancto Petro.
(Equestrian Seal.)

XIII. *Copy of a confirmation by the Countess Petronilla of a grant made to a namesake.* [c. 1200.] V. B. No. 35.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod Ego Petronilla Comitissa Leycestrie concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui donum quod Gunfridus capellanus fecit petronille filie Ricardi filii Rogeri de Leycestria et pueris eiusdem Petronille quos prefatus Gunfridus ex ea genuerit et heredibus eorum scilicet omnes terras et domos que fuerunt iam dicti Gunfridi extra portam Australem Leycestrie cum omnibus pertinenciis. Preterea concessi et confirmaui prefate Petronille et pueris suis predictis et heredibus eorum totam sectam de hominibus extra portam Australem predictam ad furnandum ad furnum suum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus saluis consuetudinariis meis qui tenentur ad furnos meos infra villam

Aswi's son, Alexander the clerk, William Auger's son, Fulk Aunild's son, Gervase clerk of St Peter's.

[Richard Basset succeeded to the fief between 1178, when his father still held it, and 1185, when his stepmother Sibilla was a widow. According to the *Rotulus de dominabus*, ed. Grimaldi, pp. 13, 15, Sibilla Mauduit married first Geoffrey Ridel, and secondly, as his second wife, Geoffrey Basset, who had a son Richard Basset by his first wife. William Ridel was presumably Richard's half-brother. I am indebted for this information to the kindness of Mr J. H. Round. The Danvers family held lands in Cosby from Ralph Basset of Weldon. (Nichols, I. cxvii. and iv. 188 for the Danvers pedigree.) Of the signatories, one Willelmus filius Assewi occurs in the first Gild Roll as pledge for his son, 1196. The churches referred to are no doubt the Leicester churches St Michael's and St Peter's (cf. Thompson, p. 65)¹.]

XIII. Let all men present and future know that I Petronilla Countess of Leicester have granted and by this my present charter have confirmed the gift which Gunfrid the Chaplain made to Petronilla daughter of Richard Roger's son² of Leicester and to the children of the said Petronilla which the aforesaid Gunfrid should beget of her, and to their heirs, namely all the lands and houses which were the said Gunfrid's outside the Southgate of Leicester with all appurtenances. Furthermore I have granted and confirmed to the aforesaid Petronilla and her aforesaid children and their heirs all the suit of the men outside the Southgate aforesaid to bake at her bakehouse with all the liberties and free customs, saving my customary tenants who are bound to my bakehouses within the town of Leicester. And saving the liberty of my

¹ This charter is printed in Jeaffreson's Index.

² He entered the Merchant Guild 1199; see below.

Leycestrie. Et salua libertate Burgensium meorum extra iam dictam portam; tenendum sibi et pueris suis prefatis et heredibus eorum de me et heredibus meis, libere, quiete et honorifice: Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis vnam libram piperis ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio mihi et heredibus meis pertinente: Ita quod prefata Petronilla de pueris suis predictis quoscumque voluerit, de terra prefata cum edificiis et pertinenciis et secta et libertatibus, heredes sui constituat, et si prefata Petronilla vel heredes sui voluerint alibi in terris suis predictum furnum remouere, concessi et confirmaui vt ipsi habeant sectam vbicumque furnus ponatur in terris suis, sicut superius dictum est. Vt autem haec mea concessio et confirmacio rata et stabilis in posterum permaneat presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione confirmaui. Hiis testibus: Ricardo abbate Leycestrie, Thoma Estirlyng, Radulfo de Mortuals, Amundo Hototte, Radulfo Friday, Ricardo filio Waryn, Willelmo Senuille, Galfrido de Craunford, Henrico Costeyn, Willelmo Tasch, Symone Curlewach, Waltero Golci et aliis.

XIV. *Copy of a confirmation of the above by Robert Fitzparnel.*

[c. 1200.] V. B. No. 36.

In substantially identical terms from "Robertus Comes Leycestrie, filius Petronille Comitisse." Instead of "cum omnibus pertinenciis" read "cum furno qui fuit Ricardi Pinson." "Hiis testibus: Ernaldo de Bosco, Gilberto Miners, Philippo Dubern', Oliuero fratre eius, Waltero Le Fraunceys, Willelmo Trenchefoyl, et aliis."

Burgesses outside the aforesaid gate, holding to herself and her aforesaid children and their heirs from me and my heirs freely, quietly and honourably, paying thence annually to me and my heirs a pound of pepper at Michaelmas for all the service belonging to me and my heirs: So that the aforesaid Petronilla may appoint from her aforesaid children whomsoever she will as her heirs of the aforesaid lands with buildings and appurtenances and suit and liberties, and if the aforesaid Petronilla or her heirs should desire to remove the aforesaid bakehouse elsewhere upon her lands, I have granted and confirmed that they may have suit wherever the bakehouse may be placed on her lands, as is aforesaid. And that this my grant and confirmation may remain firm and established in time to come I have confirmed this writing by affixing my seal. These being Witnesses: Richard abbot of Leicester¹, Thomas Easterling, Ralph de Mortivall, Amund Hototte, Ralph Friday, Richard Warin's son, William Senville, Geoffrey of Cranford, Henry Costeyn, William Tasch, Simon Curlevach, Walter Golci and others.

¹ Date unknown.

XV. *Another by Saher de Quincy.* [c. 1205.] V. B. No. 37.

In similar terms from "Seyerus de Quinci Seneschallus Domini Regis." Read "cum furno qui fuit Ricardi Pinson patris sui." "Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Trompynton Sen(escallo), Daudid Giffard, Roberto Earnenc (O. E. Earning), Willelmo Trenchefoyl, Henrico Biset, Constantino, Patricio suo fratre, Henrico Costeyn, Willelmo Tasch, Willelmo Walkeleyn, et aliis."

XVI. *First Merchant Gild Roll*¹. Box I, No. 1.

[Wed. Oct. 9, 1196.] Item Isti intrauerunt in Gildam Merchatoriam die festi beati Dionisii primo post aduentum comitis in Angliam post deliberacionem suam de capcione sua in Francia²: soluunt de introitu & de tauro & de ansis³ et tantum debent:

Taurus. *Solutus*. Nicolaus tinctor †xiid.; iis. iiid.; viiid. Eius plegii: *quietus* †⁴.

S. Aco⁵ filius Simonis de Petra iis. viiid. Eius plegii: Ric.⁶ Lammesse, Tho. filius Ricardi filii Bloues.

S. Ric. Lammesse xiiid. Eius plegii: Aco filius Simonis de Petra, Tho. filius R(icardi) (filii) Bloues.

S. Tho. Bloues dedit iis. Eius plegii: Aco filius Simonis de Petra, Ric. Lammesse.

S. Galterus de Nicol[ia⁷]: *quietus* de Introitu et de hansis. †Eius plegii: Wilke Waterman, Rob. de Burg[o⁸] †.

These entered into the Gild Merchant on the day of the feast of the Blessed Denis first after the return of the Earl to England after his release from his captivity in France. They pay for entry and for the bull and for fees and they owe so much:

Bull paid. Nicholas the dyer 1s., 2s. 4d., 8d. His pledges (unnamed): paid. [The rest of this roll will be translated only when the formula is of a peculiar character.]

¹ Consisting of eleven membranes, without title, and in several hands.

² Robert Fitz-Parnel was released after Jan. 15, 1195/6.

³ On the payment of entry, hanse and bull see Gross, *Gild Merchant*, cap. 2, passim.

⁴ The sign †...† will be used to mark deletions. The various sums have been added in by the scribe as they were paid. The pledges are unnamed here; q^t will be used below as the abbreviation for 'quietus.'

⁵ Presumably Hakon, but below it appears as identical with Azo. I am indebted to Mr W. H. Stevenson for all the notes to personal names which have any philological importance.

⁶ I propose to abbreviate the commoner Christian names when they occur in the rolls, in order to save space. It is my intention to abbreviate only names in the nominative case.

⁷ Lincoln.

⁸ Peterborough.

S. Wilke Waterman iis. *vid.* debet. Eius plegii: (one deleted), Rob. de Burg[o].

Taurus. S. Rob. de Burch¹ *xxd.* Eius plegii: Wilke Waterman (one erased).

S. Joh. filius Ascelini † *xxd.* †, *xxviii d.* Eius plegii: Joh. Molle, Rob. filius Ascelini, Robinus frater eius.

S. † Joh. filius Estephani *xii d.* †. Eius plegii.

S. Andreas filius Willelmi filii Assewi² iis. Eius plegii: Will. filius Assewi, Osm(undus) filius Assewi.

† S. Galfridus de Eitona "teintor"³ †. Eius plegii: Rob. halleknaue, Radulfus francus tintor: dedit viiis. et debet iis.⁴

S. Rob. Halleknaue † iis. *iii d.* Eius plegii: Galf. teintor de Eitona, Rad. tintor † francus: quietus.

Taurus. Rad. "teintor" francus *vid.* Eius plegii (deleted).

S. Wchinus filius Willelmi filii Warini *vid.* Eius plegii: † Joh. Warin, Galterus pikenot †: quietus de introitu et ansis per totum.

S. Ric. daunsel⁵ iis. *iii d.* quietus de introitu: † eius plegii: Rad. cocus, Joh. filius Estephani †.

S. † Rad. Cocus iis. Eius plegii: Ric. daunsel, Joh. filius Estephani †: quietus de introitu.

S. Joh. filius Estephani *xii d.* Eius plegii: † Rad. Cocus, Ric. daunsel †.

† Rad. filius Eadric. *xvid.* quietus de ansis et de omnibus †.

S. Hen. Cat. (payments scratched out and illegible). Eius plegii: Quietus de omnibus hansis et de introitu et de omnibus rebus.

f h' b'⁶ per manum Roberti Cos.

S. Will. filius Geruasii folebarbe. Eius plegii: Hugo filius Cireth⁷, Rob. Blund Garcifer fulconis filii Hugonis⁸: quietus de introitu.

S. Hugo filius Cireth † iis. et *iii d.* Eius plegii: Will. folebarbe, Rob. Blund Garcifer fulconis filii Hugonis †.

S. Rob. Blund Garcifer fulconis iis. dedit: eius plegii: Hugo filius Cirethe, Will. Folebarbe.

Taurus. Jacobus de flekeneige⁹ *xxd.* Eius plegii (deleted).

S. Will. Longus (deleted payments). Eius plegii: Jacobus de flekeneie: quietus de omnibus Rebus.

¹ Peterborough.

² O.E. Æscwig.

³ For tintor, dyer of Eaton.

⁴ Ralph the Free (or Freeman) dyer. Geoffrey gave 8s. and owes 2s.

⁵ Dominicellus, masc. of *demoiselle*, rendered 'donsel' in the P. R. O. Calendars. It is more than 'groom,' a sort of gentleman-in-waiting; almost 'esquire' but without military connotation. W. H. S.

⁶ ? filius habet burgagium. W. H. S.

⁷ O.N. Sigrðr, fem.

⁸ Robert the White, the servant of Fulk the son of Hugh.

⁹ Fleckney.

S. Matheus dere: quietus de omnibus. Eius plegii: Will. longus, Jacobus de Flekeneie: quietus de i(ntroitu), de hansis et de Pluuina¹.

S. Andreas filius Iuonis smalbon² xvi*d*. Eius plegii: Wilke smalbon.

† Will. medicus³ xii*d*. iis. Eius plegii †: quietus est de introitu.

Ric. filius Rogeri sopere⁴ iis. Eius plegii: Rogerus pater eius.

Taurus. beher frater colini debet iis.: quietus: eius plegii: Colinus de faleuille: quietus.

Simon filius Alduuni⁵ † xx*d*.: eius plegii: Alduinus de fregemere⁶ †.

Quietus. Rob. filius † Edwardi iis. et viii*d*. †: eius † plegii: Eduuardus pater eius et Abraham † (illeg).

Ric. Gresgod⁷: quietus per totum.

Joh. filius iordani quietus viii*d*.: eius plegii: Jordan de Strateford, Alex. Norreis⁸, Rob. filius ricardi: quietus de omnibus.

Will. homo Walteri le mercer † iis. † viii*d*. eius plegii Rob. le potter: quietus de introitu de ansis & de tauro & de omnibus Rebus.

Rob. le potter dedit iis. vi*d*. Eius plegii: Will. homo Walteri le mercer: & debet viii*d*.

† Will. de Arnintune quietus de introitu sed debet taurum: xii*d*. de tauro †.

† Stein le muner⁹ dedit iis. ii*i*i*d*. eius plegii: Tursteinus filius leuenod¹⁰ †: quietus de introitu.

Turstanus Ouarius¹¹ quietus de introitu et de tauro.

Taurus. Ric. de Nicole xii*d*.

Simon filius ricardi filii meriwon † iis. vi*d*. †: quietus † est per duos plegios qui pacabunt ad nundinas Stanford¹² † xxviii*d*. de (illegible and scratched out).

Joh. de cnapetoft¹³ quietus de Introitu & de hansis & de Tauro.

Rad. filius hugonis de lilleburne¹⁴ quietus per totum † iis. viii*d*. eius plegii: Hugo pater eius et henricus filius Gosselini †.

William of Arrington (?), free of entry, but he owes the bull. (Paid) 1*s*. for the bull.

¹ Plevin, pledge.

² Smallbone. Although pledges are spoken of, only one appears.

³ Leech.

⁴ Soapmaker.

⁵ O.E. Ealdwine.

⁶ Frogmore?

⁷ Gracedieu?

⁸ Northern, Norris.

⁹ Steinn (O.N.) the miller.

¹⁰ Thurstan (O.N. Þorsteinn) son of Leofnōð (O.E.).

¹¹ Occurs below as Le Over; most likely for Euarius, Aquarius, the Ewerer or waterman. But perhaps egg-seller.

¹² He is quit by two pledges who will pay at Stamford Fair 2*s*. 4*d*.

¹³ Knaptoft.

¹⁴ Lillbourne (Northants.).

Taurus. Joh. de Wincestre¹ iis. eius plegii sui (*sic*) Ansell'.

Gerard gurbald † vs. et debet vs. eius plegii †: quietus de toto & de tauro & de omnibus rebus.

Galterus filius Rogeri † sopere iis. eius plegii Ric. pater eius, Ric. filius Rogeri † quietus de Introitu & de hansis & de omnibus rebus.

Alanus Nepos Oliueri † debet iis. pro omnibus †: plegii: petrus nepos Oliueri, Rob. nepos Oliueri: quietus per totum.

Pet. nepos Oliueri † debet iis. pro ansis et pro introitu et pro omnibus †: plegii: Alanus nepos Oliueri, Rob. nepos Oliueri: quietus de omnibus rebus.

† Taurus †. Rob. nepos Oliueri debet viiis. et taurum (pledges deleted): quietus de tauro, et de omnibus rebus.

Hen. Moi debet (deleted): quietus de introitu et de tauro et de anssis.

Galf. faber filius herewardi quietus de omnibus rebus.

Hugo de blabi² debet † iiiis. et viii~~d~~. †.

Walterus bridel quietus de omnibus rebus.

Rob. filius nicolai carpenterii ac de omnibus rebus: quietus: Ric. filius Rogeri palmer.

† Walterus Lambe debet iiiis. et viii~~d~~. †.

Martinus filius Iustacii mopediri debet iiiis. & x~~d~~. Eius plegii (deleted).

Rogerus uilein³ (a deletion): eius plegii (deleted): Martinus filius Iustacii.

Rob. Saturdai † debet vi~~d~~. †: quietus: eius plegii (deleted): Martinus filius Iustacii de introitu.

Ric. de venloc⁴ quietus de Introitu: eius plegii (deleted).

Adam filius Aueline de lira⁵ † iiiis~~ol~~. dedit †: eius plegii: Ric. filius Edeline: quietus de introitu.

Quietus: Ric. filius Edeline: † iis. iiiii~~d~~.: eius plegii †.

† Adam filius Aueline, Ricardus fi. † quietus de introitu.

[Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1198.] Isti intrauerunt in Gildam merkatorem die Mercurii primo post capud Ieiunii proximo post obitum I(mperatoris)⁶ Alemannie et tantum debent:

These entered the Gild Merchant on Wednesday after Ash Wednesday next after the death of the Emperor of Germany⁷ and owe so much. [After the first entry a note follows which is too much defaced to be read.]

¹ Winchester.

⁴ Wenlock.

⁶ Torn.

² Blaby.

³ Note the admission of a 'villanus.'

⁵ Probably Leire, Leicestershire, not Lyre, Normandy.

⁷ Henry VI. died Sep. 28, 1197.

Simon de Seych¹, Rog. Turch fil. Adam, *Herbertus de Barewe (Barrow), Warin. de Copston (Warwickshire), Wilke Ouernon (quit of entry and hanse through all England), Aco fil. Ricardi de Vuncha², Rob. fil. Ricardi filii Adam³ (8*d.*), *Hen. de halestede (8*d.*), Albus de Roigt (10*s.*), Joh. fil. Balduini (4*s.*; found no pledges as quit of all for 4*s.*), Will. fil. Thurkill (similarly), *Beher (10*s.*), *Rob. de Carelell (Carlisle), *Hiche de Sadint(on), *Osinus de Esseby (Ashby-de-la-Zouch), *Rocelinus (free), †*Will. de Arnigton⁴, *Joh. Auener⁴ (8*d.*), Rob. fil. hemeri tollidinot (8*d.*), Rad. fil. Jocelini (s. p.)⁵, Simon cum barba (s. p.), howe (Hugh) fil. Nicolai (8*d.*), *Rob. Alanus de Glen (free), Wilke Smalbon, Will. de Covplond, Hen. morkēr, Rob. †Diet⁴.

[June 1, 1199.] Isti sunt qui intrauerunt Gildam mercatorum die martis proximo post ascensionem domini anno primo post coronacionem domini Regis Johannis et tantum debent⁶:

*Ric. fil. Rogeri palmarii⁷ (free), Rad. fil. Walteri ferur (farrier), *Pet. ferator (farrier, free), Joh. le Jaune fil. Sacerdotis⁸, Walt. fil. Roberti de Othorp (Othorpe, free), Rad. fil. Siwat⁹, Ric. fil. Willelmi Marcaunt (merchant), Hugo nepos Hugonis Cuuer (cooper, 19*s.* 4*d.*), Phil. Burgis (Burgess), Rob. Penge, Swanus de Queninb(urg) (Queniborough, free), Rob. de Bebi (Beeby), *Rob. de Pethling (Peatling), Rob. Curlewache (est eres patris sui), Hen. Crasset mercator, *Will. Pelleue, *Rog. de Kibwrthe, Rob. parmunter¹⁰ (eres patris sui), Galf. de Belton (Rutland) (19*s.*), *Ric. Bonis, Mat. fil. Mainardi, *Tebbaldus (Theobald) de Carlet[on], *Rad. de Warlei (Wardley, Rutland), *Sim. Longus, Rad. Curteis, *Will. de Nicholia (Lincoln), *Rob. Alein, Ric. fil. Galfridi Gumm, Gilb. fil. Normanni petit, Rog. de Warleia,

These are they who entered the Gild of Merchants on Tuesday next after Ascension Day in the first year after the Coronation of the lord King John. They owe so much :

¹ ? Secheville. The mark * will be used to distinguish those who pay for the bull. From what follows it appears that these are the strangers. To save space only the names of the entries are given, with any facts that appear to be of value.

² See Guérard's *Polyptique*. Voncq, Ardennes.

³ Treated as indeclinable, as in the Vulgate.

⁴ Provider of horse-provender.

⁵ For "habet sedem patris."

⁶ As a rule the clerk has not entered the names of pledges, and the statement is cut down to 'quit of entry.' The scribe begins to use V for W.

⁷ The Palmer, one who bears a palm-branch in token of having been to the Holy Land.

⁸ John the Sallow the priest's son.

⁹ O.N. Sighvatr, masc.

¹⁰ Sometimes described as a clothier or as a tailor. But see Hudson in *Norf. Archaeol.* XII. 60, who gives reasons for thinking that a parmenter prepared leather for clothing. Cf. Riley, *Liber Albus*, III. p. 345.

Galf. fil. Cuneg' (eres patris), Ric. fil. hemeri tollidinoitt, *Baudwine Keu (cook), Ric. Brokinhevid (Brokenhead), Osebertus Ram, Ascwi fil. Reginaldi, Will. fil. Baudewin, Gocelin fil. Rogeri, Rog. frater Willelmi de Benewic, *Will. de Barkeb(y), *Alwinus¹ mercer, Rad. de Mantun, Will. fil. herberti Auenarii, *Adam de Kitun², *Hugo de rotelont (Rutland), Villelmus fil. Johannis Carpuntarii, Geruasius Parcheminer (parchment-maker), Villelmus de Anglia, Rad. Teri³, Rad. Seli⁴, Viel fil. Ailvin⁵ de derbi (s. p.), Galf. Nutemuche, Vill. fil. Villelmi tichin, Galf. tichin, Vill. fil. Ricardi quintine, Pet. fil. Valteri pestur (baker), *Ric. de Estun (Easton, Northants), Rad. faber gener Villelmi marcante, Valt. dudeman⁶, Vill. frater Villelmi Brete⁷, Bertolomeus fil. Villelmi Cupide, Alexsand. Cost', Herbertus de Frogemore (all free), Rob. Vaupol⁸, Rob. fil. turchil Brune, Hen. fil. Normanni petite, Rob. Huniman, Hen. nepos Villelmi Palmer, *Vill. de Crouden fil. Valteri de Crouden, Joh. Gelig, Ric. Parmunter, Hen. and also Phil. fil. Radulphi turnur (turner), Vill. Balle, *Iuo faber de Ailiston (Aylestone), Gervasius fil. Nicolai Carpuntarii, Valt. fil. Ailberne, *Valt. fil. Galfridi extra portam de Sud (outside Southgate), *Simon de Arderena (Arden Forest), Villelmus le cheris (well-beloved), Ric. fil. Albrei, *Alueredus de thindivorche, Tomasius de Lichisfelt (Lichfield), Rogerius fil. Ernaldi coci, †Steph. fil. Alani durie†, Rogerus fil. Osberti derehucest', Rob. faber ad portam de vest, Gervasius pet', Vill. fil. Radulfi Bonum⁹, Ric. fil. Villelmi Ailmer, Vill. francus faber, Rad. Carpunter, Rob. de Lichefelt, Galf. fil. Ricardi Germunde¹⁰, Michaelis fil. Osmundi gering, Reg. fil. Villelmi Varin (s. p.), Rob. Gineu (s. p.), Hen. fil. Roberti filii Alsi (s. p.), Vill. fil. Villelmi vindricon, Rad. fil. Valteri mercer, Nic. fil. Hemundi, Gilb. fil. Aconis fron', Vill. fil. Johannis fabri, *Rogerus Maltmo[n]gere, Will. Surtis, Nic. fil. Jordani, Rad. de Suepist(on), Will. Cusin, Will. Blu(n)dus (the White), Laur. Silueron¹¹.

[? 1205—6.] Isti intrauerunt in Gildam mercatorum die Martis proximo post festum beati Dionisii proximo post obitum pauli abbatis Legecestrie¹².

These entered the Gild of Merchants on Tuesday next after the feast of St Denis (Oct. 9) next after the death of Paul Abbot of Leicester.

¹ O.E. Aelfwine.

² Ketton. A new scribe begins who writes V for W.

³ Thierry = Theodoric.

⁴ Simple, happy.

⁵ O.E. Æðelwine.

⁶ O.E. Dudman, proper name.

⁷ Brito, Breton.

⁸ Wagpoll, see Glouc. Calendar.

⁹ Bonhomme.

¹⁰ Probably a feminine, Frankish Germunda.

¹¹ Very few of these have any sum of money named as paid or owing.

¹² Dugdale put his death 1205.

† Galterus de hereford inuadiauit xxs. et i taurum.

Eodem die intrauit Rogerus fessin pro vs. iiiid.: et dedit iiis. in manum Roberti Blundi¹ † et est quietus de omni introitu Gilde.

† Eodem die intrauit Hugo Aurifaber² pro xxs. et i taurum †.

Eodem die intrauit Rad. frater Reginaldi de muro pro vs. iiiid. et dedit Roberto brun et Roberto Blundo viid. et iiis. et est quietus de omni introitu gilde.

† Eodem die intrauit Joh. seler³ de Warewic pro xxs. et i taurum: † habet respectum⁴.

Eodem die intrauit Rad. porter in sede patris sui ad respondendum pro patre suo secundum tenorem Rotuli⁵.

Eodem die intrauit Galf. Clubbe et dedit iis. Roberto Blundo et Roberto Brun et est q^t de introitu Gilde.

† Eodem die intrauit Simon de Couentre qui habet uxorem Roberti Croc †.

(Two entries deleted.)

Die martis sequente intrauit Ailrich homo Roberti brun pro vs. iiiid. et dedit iiis., et est q^t de introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit Simon filius Rogeri Sanne pro vs. iiiid. et dedit iiis. et est q^t de introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit Rob. de lectona pro viiis., quos tradidit Roberto Blundo et Roberto Brun et est q^t de omnibus.

Eodem die intrauit Rogerus muner de Turmodeston⁶ pro xxs. et Taurum et dedit Roberto brun et Roberto Blundo vs. et est q^t de omni introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit Rad. fil. Roberti litelboie in sede patris sui et debet respondere secundum tenorem rotuli.

Eodem die intrauit Rob. de lat' † pro vs. et iiiid. et dedit viid. †

[1206—7.] Hugo Aurifaber intrauit Gildam mercatoriam die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Dionisii quando dominus Seer de quinci recepit Legrecestriam, et est quietus de omnibus rebus ad

Walter of Hereford pledged 20s. and one bull. On the same day Roger Fessin entered for 5s. 4d. and gave 3s. into the hand of Robert Blund etc.

Hugh the goldsmith entered the Gild Merchant on Thursday next after the feast of St Denis (Oct. 9) when Sir Saher de Quincy received Leicester.

¹ Robert Brun and Robert Blund seem to have been receivers for this year.

² The Goldsmith.

³ Seler may mean coverer or thatcher, or perhaps saddlemaker.

⁴ Has respice.

⁵ To answer for his father according to the tenor of the roll.

⁶ Miller of Thurmaston.

Gildam pertinentibus, pro iiis. quos dedit Roberto Blundo et Roberto brun.

Eodem die intrauit Hen. filius Ricardi Jordene In sede patris sui.

Eodem die intrauit Laur. filius Osmundi In sede patris sui: quietus de omnibus.

Eodem die intrauit phil. pistor extra portam est¹ et fin[iuit] per vis. viii*d.* et reddidit vis. viii*d.* et est quietus de omni introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit Astinus² Clei pistor in Gilda et finiuit per iiis. quos reddidit Roberto brun et Roberto Blundo, et est quietus de omni introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit harding pistor et finiuit per iiis. quos reddidit praedictis et est q^t de omni introitu Gilde.

Eodem die intrauit Rad. de Gertenthona³ et finiuit per vs. quos reddidit praedictis et est q^t de omni introitu Gilde.

Tho. de Esseby eodem die intrauit et finiuit per vi*sol.* viii*d.* quos reddidit praedictis et est q^t de omni introitu Gilde.

Eodem die Intrauit Ric. de Routeby tannator⁴ et finiuit vs. et dedit vs. et est q^t de introitu et tauro.

Hen. [name deleted.] †Intrauit in Gildam et finiuit iiis. *d.* eius plegii: [none]†.

Joh. filius †philippi intrauit et debet iiis. *d.* eius plegii: q^t†.

[After Mar. 1207.] Isti intrauerunt G. M. illo anno in quo dominus Simon de Rocheford recuperauit Leicestriam.

†*Ric. de Foston q^t de omnibus que pertinent ad Gildam et debet taurum†, Ernaldus fil. Galfridi abbe, Rob. mercator le Brune, Azo fil. Osof, Galf. le hoser (hosier), Will. de Sufolc, *Tho. fil. Willelmi Chirecod, Will. fil. Brun, Iustacius fil. Radulfi frebodi, *Rob. le Brune de cropston, Will. fil. Galfridi abbe (s. p.).

Will. filius Roberti filii Acelini affidauit legem Gilde et q^t per totum⁵.

These entered the G. M. in that year when Sir Simon de Rochefort recovered Leicester. (He was recognised as Earl, Aug. 1206, but not invested with the earldom. In Feb. 1207 his estates were seized, he was restored in March and disseised again before the end of the year. [D. N. B.] On the title Count de Rochefort, see Nichols, 1. App. 99. Thompson suggests 1200, but Robert did not die till Jan. 6, 1204.)

¹ Outside Eastgate.

² Austin, Augustine.

³ ? Garendon.

⁴ Richard tanner, of Ratby.

⁵ He plighted faith to the Gild Law and is quit entirely.

†Will. le marchand affidauit legem Gilde et debet taurum et est q^t de introitu: dedit xii*d.* de tauro: q^t de omnibus pertinentibus ad Gildam↓.

Samson le seler affidauit legem Gilde: viis. vi*d.* et taurum: eius plegii: †Walterus le stabler¹, Ric. de Munsorel↓.

Walterus filius pain filii alle habet sedem patris sui.

Rogerus longus q^t de introitu: †plegius petrus carpenter; dedit de tauro vi*d.*↓.

Walterus le stabler debet †vis. et taurum: plegius: samson le paneler²↓.

Simon filius fulconis filii Osberti habet sedem patris sui.

Petrus carpontarius †debet viiis. et taurum: plegius: Rogerus longus↓ q^t de introitu et debet taurum.

Joh. filius Rogeri serem³ †debet iis. iii*d.* eius plegii, Joh. filius fulconis coruisor⁴, Joh. Scot↓.

Ric. de munsorel⁵, q^t [de] introitu et de tauro: †plegii: Samson le seler, Walterus le stabler↓.

Joh. filius fulconis le coruisor⁴ †xii*d.*: plegii: Joh. filius Rogeri serem³ et Joh. Scot↓.

Joh. Scot debet xii*d.* (etc.)

Rob. gos, †ixs.↓, et taurum debet, et est q^t de introitu.

[? 1208.] Isti intrauerunt Gildam mercatoriam illo anno quo uilla leicestrie fuit in manu domini Regis Johannis, scilicet post dissaisinam Simonis comitis de Rocheford.

Rog. fil. Willelmi filii Ailmeri, Aze fil. Osberni le ferur, Rob. fil. Roberti Kepegest, Will. fil. Roberti Kepegest, Nic. de Burton, *Rad. fil. Simonis le mercer (gs.), Will. de lund⁶, *Ric. de Wikengeston (Wigston), *Rob. Scorri, *Walterus fil. hemeri, Hugo fil. Adami taske, Will. fil. Radulfi lutre⁷ parmunter, Wil. fil. Walteri ordriz⁸, *Rob. le granger, Will. le precher, Walterus le cras (fat), Adam Molendinarius (miller), *Gera[l]dus de Brokesbi pistor (of Brooksby, baker), Walterus de cymiterio⁹ homo Simonis Curleuache, Simon de Couintre, Will. fil. Roberti Albi¹⁰ (white), *Wilke Ston, Will. de Cossebi (Cosby), Rogerus fil. Walteri Abouet(on)¹¹, Pet. Siluer(on) (s. p.), Joh.

These entered the G. M., in that year in which the town of Leicester was in the hand of the lord King John, to wit after the disseisin of Simon Count of Rochefort.

¹ Ostler.

² Pack-saddle maker.

³ Shearman.

⁴ Shoemaker.

⁵ Mountsorrel.

⁶ A Norse word for a wood, perhaps Lund or Lound, named from their local wood.

⁷ ? The otter.

⁸ O.E. Ordric.

⁹ Of the churchyard.

¹⁰ Cf. Rob. Blund above, p. 19.

¹¹ Above the town.

fil. Aze¹ de Sileby, Teobaldus clericus (a pledge), Ric. fil. Eadwardi, Rogerus fil. Gocelini, Pet. fil. Ediman, Rob. fil. Gerueisii nigri (s. p.), *Joh. Marwe², *Martin, Mercer (10s. 3d.), Bertramus fil. lewine³, Rob. de Burton, *Will. de Enderdebi (Enderby), Ric. Sheile parmenter⁴.

[Feb. 5, 1209.] Isti intrauerunt in Gildam mercatoriam Die Jouis proxima post purificationem beate Marie a. r. r. Johannis x^o. coram Willelmo filio Leueric⁵ tunc Aldreman de Gilda et debent debita subscripta.

*Gamel⁶ Hod, Will. Trunchun, Tho. Purs, Galf. faber extra portam de West, Osmundus fil. Thomae, Bonum pikart (the Picard), Will. fil. Hugonis filii Osberni, Ric. Ride, *Hugo de Burstall (Birstall), Joh. Ansel, Ric. fil. Reineri (s. p.), Hugo nepos Gocelini, Will. Danaïs (the Dane), *Alex. de houbi (Hoby), *Will. de Buscebi (Bushby), Galf. Waupol (Wagpoll), Mathias fil. Willelmi filii Pain, Will. fil. Simonis Maudit⁷, *Hinkele, *Henricus Packere⁸, Phelippus dorlot⁹, Walt. de Kileby, Yvo fil. Henrici, Rad. Cocunbred, Will. fil. Theobaldi, Rog. fil. Ace Vinator (Azo Vintner), Rad. le mercer homo petri mercer (8s. 6d.), Rad. Kipping¹⁰.

[Wed. Jan. 13, 1210.] Isti sunt qui intrauerunt in G. M. die Sancti Ylarii anno ii post interdictum: Ric. pilse et Galf. Ordriz sunt receptores.

Nic. piscator (Fisher), Hugo fil. Bernardi Gout¹¹, Galf. homo Osmundi le tailur, Phil. longus (19s.), Walterus Coc (s. p.), *Joh. de Warewic, Walterus Smalestones, *Herbertus Auenator¹², *Rog. de Quornedon, *Osbertus de Herlestun (Harleston), Walt. fil. Sele (s. p.), *Will. de Aula (Of the hall), *Rob. le Cuuer (Cooper) de Cotes, Rog. fil. Olger¹³, Iuo peke, *Will. de Buggedun (Bowden), Ivo Eres

These entered the G. M. on Thursday next after Candlemas 10 John, before William Leveric's (O.E. Leofric's) son, then Alderman of the Gild, and they owe the debts underwritten. (The normal fee is 4s.)

These are those who entered the G. M. on St Hilary's day in the second year after the Interdict. Richard Pilse and Geoffrey Ordriz are receivers (a new scribe begins).

¹ Frankish Azo.

² The tender or delicate. O.E. mearu.

³ O.E. Leofwin.

⁴ Few have payments entered.

⁵ O.E. Leofric.

⁶ O.N. Gamall, masc. nom. prop.

⁷ See the charter of 1253.

⁸ For Hinckley, Henry Packer (woolpacker) is pledge, and the payment is 8s. Similarly Henry Packer's pledge is Hinckley; the payment 9s. 6d.

⁹ A headdress.

¹⁰ O.E. Cypping. The average payment is 4s.

¹¹ O.N. Gautr.

¹² Provider of horse-provender.

¹³ Prob. Ulger, Norman form of Frankish Wulfger.

filius Rogeri, Reginaldus fil. Radulfi, Walt. Rotarius (wheelwright), Will. Rotarius, Joh. Rotarius, Hen. le panne betere¹, *Tomas petit de Briggis², *Walt. pistior de Tiltun, Walt. Sturdi, Will. le Dubbere (cloth-dubber), Rob. fil. Willelmi de Ocham, Rad. fil. Walteri le mercer, Andreas plantefene (hay-planter), Reiner pilse³, Rob. hodel, Will. Hemeri, Wilke fil. Rogeri clerici, Galf. auenator.

† Ric. pilse debet vis. pro plegagio Reinerii et Andreae plantefene et de quibus pacauit iis. Rogero de Cardeil et eustachio frebodi et iis. pacabit ad alium morwenspeche et sic deinceps sit quietus: debet adhuc xviii*d.* ad plegiagium†. Petr. Stake, Will. Rufus, Petr. le Mercer (all s. p.), Joh. fil. Walteri fin, Eustac. Alewald (s. p.), Will. fil. Radulfi, Rog. fil. Hugonis le Kareter (carter) extra portam de Suth, *Walt. de Rokesburc, *Gocelin de Bartun, Will. fil. Willelmi de Ocham, Joh. fil. Osemundi Orte, Edw. fil. Willelmi filii Ailmer, Joh. fil. Hugonis Longstaf, Rob. fil. Astin.

Rob. Faber ad sanctum Michael⁴, Robin russel, Salomon fil. Ricardi carpinter.

[1211.] Isti intrauerunt in G. M. anno tercio post generalem interdictionem Anglie et debent tantum:

Will. Hodiern' (free), *Rob. le taillur de Wumundewald (Wymeswold) (9*s.*), Martinus fil. Rogeri, Will. fil. Torkil Blund, Ernaldus de Hamton (9*s.*), Walt. fil. Willelmi Longi (s. p.), Ric. de Hunecote, Martinus filius Walteri filii Johannis, Hen. le Puignay⁵ (s. p.).

*Will. de sancto Laudo, homo Walteri Katin †iiii *sol.* eius plegii: Joh. de Salicibus cum toto feodo eiusdem Willelmi, Reddendi debitum suum de Gilda.

Rog. fil. Willelmi filii Eswei scilicet Diggel, Rog. fil. Willelmi filii Eswei Junior, Rog. fil. Nicholai abouetun, *Rob. de Burebech (Burbage), *Rob. Thabur, *Walt. de Cropston, tinctor, Joh. Fallun (s. p.), Rob. de fraxino (Ash) (s. p.), Alan fil. Rogeri de Copstun (s. p.), Will. Luueman

Richard Pilse owes 6*s.* for the pledging of Reiner and Andrew Plantefene, and of these he paid 2*s.* to Roger of Carlisle and Eustace Freebody (the receivers) and he will pay 2*s.* at the next morningspeech and so thenceforth let him be quit: he still owes 1*s.* 6*d.* for pledging.

These entered the G. M. in the third year after the general interdict of England, and they owe so much.

Will. of St Lo, Walter Katin's man 4*s.* His pledges, John at the Willows, with all the fee of the said William rendering his debt to the gild.

¹ Either pan-mender (from O.E. *bētan*) or pan-hammerer (O.E. *bēatan*).

² Bridgenorth, Salop.

³ Payment from these two in the hand of Richard Pilse (receiver).

⁴ Robert Smith at S. Michael's.

⁵ ? The youngest son has his father's seat.

de salloc¹, Pet. fil. Ricardi filii Osmundi (s. p.), Rad. Paneler, Ric. le Flauner², Will. Burs, Rad. Samsun, *Rad. de Orningwald (Horninghold), *Rob. de Anlep (Wanlip), †Rad. Biseg†, *Will. rotarius de Torketilton (Thurcaston) (9s.), Will. Witfare, Rad. Deie, Walt. fil. Olger le faber, Yuo Cord' (s. p.), Rog. fil. Hulle, *Will. le furnur (baker, oven-man), Joh. fil. Ricardi Carpenter, Mat. fil. Osmundi Orte (s. p.), Rog. fil. Olgeri Rutefot (s. p.), Hugo Ruffus³ (the Red), Will. fil. Ode le cuper (cooper), *Sim. de Brant vicecomes (?), Adam fil. Rogeri de Arden, *Joh. mercer de houbi (Hoby), *Norman homo Ricardi de Witebia, Joh. fil. Brun (s. p.), Rob. pistor de Munsorel, Rob. teri (s. p.), Galf. fil. Radulfi brune (s. p.), Osemundus fil. sacerdotis, Johannes le Combere (wool-comber) (s. p.), Rob. Abbe (s. p.), *Will. Bigod.

Debita subscripta que notantur pacanda ad primum morwenspeche. Si pacantur erunt quieti: et si non erunt in debito ad 1 Cuuatam ceruisie scilicet quisque illorum ad i Cuuatam.

Rob. fil. Stephani, Hen. fil. Baudewini, Ric. fil. Ricardi filii Eadwini, Mathias fil. Roberti le curteis (s. p.), Will. fil. Baudewini (s. p.), Hamundus de Stocton, Yuo aurifaber senex⁴, Hen. fil. Goscelini, Will. fil. Bonum (s. p.), *Rob. Blund extra portam de Suth Brasiler⁵, Ric. fil. Geruasii Cage, Joh. Spillecorn, *Gamel de afford, *Hugo de Burton, †*Will. de Gaham (Keyham)†, Galf. piscator fil. Yuois, Rob. Blund macun (Mason), Will. Petrus, Joh. Eirich, Joh. Smalbon, Will. de Wenclac seruiens (sergeant, of Wenlock), Anfridus fil. Alani (s. p.), *Will. de Bemfeud (Bamfield), †Will. Bridel†, *Adam de Cnapetoft, *Walt. Longus de Nort(on), Will. Pite.

[Thurs. May 1, 1214.] Isti intrauerunt in G. M. ad festum apostolorum philippi et Jacobi a. r. r. Johannis quindecimo, tempore Willelmi filii Leueric Aldermanni et debent debita subscripta.

*Will. de Hamton, Will. fil. Roberti Blund Brasiler, Pet. fil. Ricardi de Blanke, Joh. fil. Osberni seruientis, Ric. fil. Willelmi filii Alsi, Galf. fil. Galfridi filii Nicholai (s. p.), Swanus fil. Roberti le macun, *Rob. de Rotebi (Ratby), Andreas fil. Roberti filii Henrici,

The debts which are noted below to be paid at the first Morningspeech. If they are paid they will be quit, if not they will be in debt for a vat full of ale, to wit one vat full each.

These entered the G. M. at the feast of the apostles Philip and James 15 John, in the time of William Leveric's son Alderman, and they owe the debts underwritten.

¹ Paid at the second sitting (ad aliam sedem).

³ Allowed himself to be distrained.

⁵ ? Dyer in the red dye called Brazil.

² Maker of flauns, cakes.

⁴ Ivo Goldsmith 'senex' has been added.

Alanus fil. Simonis curleuache, Will. fil. Willelmi ferur (s. p.), Ric. fil. Rogeri de Blanke (s. p.), Oliuer fil. Rogeri Sanne.

[After May 26, 1219.] Isti intrauerunt G. M. post pentecosten proximam post mortem Willelmi Marescalli senioris Comitis Pembroc.

Tho. fil. Roberti filii Alicie, Alex. fil. Griffin.

*Walt. de Wirecestre viis. debet q^t per iiis. quos dedit Willelmo pipant pro debitu suo.

Ric. Rois, Will. Tascheman, *John de Pulteneia (Poultney), Ric. fil. Martini purs (s. p.), Coste Sanne, Greg. Makepais (Makepeace) (s. p.)

Rob. Tunekes finiuit per iiis. de introitu, quos Alanus Oliuer habuit super debitum suum (apud) Norhamton' et debet hansum. Ric. fil. Willelmi filii Eswei (s. p.), Walt. fil. Ranulfi Fabri, Walt. Dolte.

*Rob. gener Ode¹ viis. xii*d*. Die sancti Bartholomei dedit ad opus pontis xii*d*. et debet viis.

Will. fil. Thomae, Joh. Pais.

Iuo aurifaber fil. Willelmi de Aula †xviii*d*. pacauit xii*d*. ad Stanford per penam de xii*d*.↓

*Rog. de Buscebia, Ealf. fil. Griffin, *Alanus Longus pistor, Ric. percaminer² gener prioris, *Ric. Canum, Alex. de Witebia (s. p.), Pet. fil. Willelmi Palmer (s. p.). Rob. le turnur, *Ric. de Shentona, *Rad. Lefman.

[Ap. 16, 1220.] Isti intrauerunt Gildam die Iouis post hokeday anno quo ciuitas Damiete capta fuit a Christianis: Rogero de Carlel et Eustacio Frebodi Camerariis de recepto et tantum debent:

Will. fil. Walteri terry, Ric. fil. Geruasii de Blanke (s. p.).

Walt. Niger fil. Rogeri de Stocton inuadiauit gild laue xviii*d*.: eius plegius: quietus de omnibus.

These entered the G. M. after Whitsuntide next after the death of William Marshall Senior Earl of Pembroke.

Rob. Tunekes made fine by 3*s*. of entry, which Alan Oliver had towards his debt at Northampton, and he owes the hanse.

Robert Odo's son-in-law 7*s*., 1*s*., on St Bartholomew's day he gave 1*s*. to bridge work and he owes 7*s*.

Ivo Goldsmith son of Will. of the Hall 1*s*. 6*d*.; paid 1*s*. at Stamford under a penalty of 12*d*.

(A new scribe begins.) These entered the Gild on Thursday after Hokeday in the year in which the city of Damietta was taken by the Christians: Roger of Carlisle and Eustace Freebody being Chamberlains of receipt, and they owe so much. (Saher de Quincy was killed at Damietta.)

Walter Black son of Roger of Stoughton pledged gild law.

¹ For Odo (Norman=Germanic *Audo*, declined *Odes* nom. (Ode in Norman, which dropped nom. *s*), *Odon* oblique: so also Aze(s) (see above, p. 20) to Azo (p. 19).) W. H. S.

² Richard Parchmentmaker the prior's son-in-law.

*And. Mercer, *Robinus Mercer de Tokeby (Tugby), Galf. Hom-baken.

Robinus Parmenter sutor extra portam de West habet diem usque ad diem martis *xxiid.*

Rog. puke, *Rog. de Glorestun (Glooston), Osemundus Serewind (Sherwin), *Ric. Gresmongere de Ouerton, *Rog. Feltere.

*Ric. Cocus homo Simonis Curleuach †*xs.* quietus per *iiii* solidos de Introitu quos dedit Eustacio Frebodi et Rogero de Cardoil et debet tantum †.

*Walt. le Reue de Kibwrth, Herbert Thoulou pistor.

Will. fil. Mathei Sturdi in loco patris sui ut heres suus: quietus de omnibus preter hans'.

Simon fil. Turstani Molendinarii¹.

Henricus de Essebya finiuit per *vs.* et debet *iiiiis.* et debet *xiiid.*¹ pacabit aput heyland (illegible) fuerit attinctus: quietus de tauro.

Will. des Asceles de Cusinton: quietus de introitu: debet taurum: plegii ejus de libertate et fidelitate Matheus de Kurst¹, Rog. fil. Petri de Cusinton, Camerarii de recepta subscripta*.

[Wed. Oct. 27, 1221 ?] Isti Intrauerunt Gildam Vigilia Simonis et Jude anno proximo post dedicacionem ecclesie S. Nicholai de Leicestria.

Simon Leffe inuadiauit legem Gilde et finem fecit per *iiis.* quos pacauit: et quietus de Introitu.

*Ketelburtus aquarius de rauenestorp² † finem fecit per *iiiiis.* et dedit *iiis.* † plegii eius Will. Ruffus et Osbertus faber, non de tauro: plegius eius de tauro Ranulfus faber.

*Walt. Dragun, *Gilb. Aquarius, *Alan. parcheminer de Lincoln, *Iuo pistor de Uppengham, Rannulfus faber de Cnapetoft, Rogerus Reue, Will. fil. Roberti Sansun (s. p.).

†Joh. Warin cepit in manu *xiiid.* de Thoma de Warwic usque post nundinas norhamton.

*Tho. de Warwic, *Nic. Seinter (Girdlemaker).

Robin Parmenter cobbler outside Westgate has respite till Tuesday.

Richard Cook Simon Curlevache's man *10s.* quit by *4s.*, of entry, which he gave to Eustace Freebody and Roger of Carlisle and he owes so much.

These entered the Gild on the Eve of Simon and Jude, the year next after the dedication of St Nicholas' church, Leicester.

Quit of entry: owes the bull: pledges of his franchise and fealty, Matthew de Kurst and Roger Peter's son of Cossington, Chamberlains of the underwritten receipt.

¹ Added above the line.

² Ketelbert, Waterman of Ravensthorpe (Northants.).

[Before June 23, ? 1222.] Isti intrauerunt Gildam ante festum S. Aildrede proximum post obitum Willelmi Ordri.

*Alanus Blundus inuadiauit legem Gilde et non finiuit. Joh. Lowis.

[? Mar. 20, 1225.] Isti intrauerunt Gildam die Jouis ante annunciationem beate Marie tempore Simonis Curleuache et Johannis Warin Aldermannorum anno proximo post mortem Willelmi pepin abbatis Leicestrie et debent debita subscripta:

*Iuo tanur de Merkenefeld (Markfield).

Will. fil. Randekide inuadiauit legem Gilde per iiis. iiid.

*Alanus Blundus Carnifex (butcher) de Carelton, †Warin Carnifex †, †Reg. filius Ricardi †, Hugo ad fontem de tilton, Hugo fil. Nicholai fabri, Ric. fil. Rogeri Goding, Hugo fil. Henrici, †Rogerus faber de Stret(ton) †, Hugo cuper frater Willelmi Damisele, And. fil. Roberti Blundi, †*Hugo fil. Hamundi de Stoc(ton) †, *Will. Damisele pictor (Painter), Iuo fil. Ode cupere, *Reg. pistor de Wateberge (Whatborough), *Will. Vvri pistor, *Will. de hamton de Olneye, Galf. cocus, Will. fil. Walteri (s. p.), Rob. homo Seluestri hod pistor, †*Tho. fil. Radulfi de Outhebi (Oadby) †, Walt. fil. Aubry tinctoris † Will. patric fil. Nicholai patric †, Joh. fil. Edwardi fabri, Hen. fil. Henrici Als (s. p.), Will. fil. Ade parmentarii (s. p.).

[? Date.] Isti intrauerunt in gildam die veneris post proximum hokedai in primo anno tempore Johannis Warin et Simonis Curleuach aldermannorum.

*Rob. Dismars, †Petrus fil. Herberti Norrensis †, Rob. fil. Willelmi de Coupland, Phil. fil. Nicholai patric, Simon fil. Johannis filii Mariot, Walt. de Anglia fil. Henrici, †*Rad. Witred †, *Will. de Euintun, *Hen. de Kerebi.

Bened. le Marcant in loco patris sui habet Gildam et respondebit pro patre suo de plegiagio.

Rob. Barunt, Rob. fil. Radulfi de Wikinst[on] (Wigston), Joh. fil.

These entered the Gild before the feast of St Etheldreda next after the death of Will. Ordri.

Alan the White pledged the law of the Gild and did not make fine.

These entered the Gild on Thursday before Lady Day in the time of Simon Curlevache and John Warin Aldermen in the year next after the death of Will. Pepin Abbot of Leicester and they owe the debts underwritten. (Pepin's successor was appointed 1224.)

These entered the Gild on Friday next after Hokeday (2nd Tuesday after Easter) in the first year in the time of John Warin and Simon Curlevache Aldermen.

Benedict the Merchant has Gild in the place of his father and he will answer for his father as plevin. (A new scribe begins who omits the aspirate.)

Osmundi (s. p.¹), Walt. prakentin (s. p.), Walt. Longe de Nortun, Martin. Kage (s. p.), Alex. fil. Hugonis le paumer (s. p.), Reinaldus Maraz (s. p.), Pet. fil. Rogeri filii Wluiue², Moricius fil. teobaldi (s. p.), Bart. Bun (s. p.), *Ernaldus le plumber (plumber), Simon Vinttesideners (Twenty-six pence), Will. Gamel (Gamble) (s. p.), Rob. duce fil. Willelmi Wintricon (s. p.), Will. fil. Willelmi de petlinge (s. p.), Sim. folebarbe (s. p.), *Rad. Aquarius, Walt. de Anglia, Rob. Coc, *Will. de Mortona³, *Ric. tinctor de Shultona (Shilton), *Will. driweri de Wikingest(on), Rannulfus de Marisco, *Hugo Spitelman (Hospital man), Tho. Berdles (beardless) (s. p.), Hugo fil. Walteri in Marisco (in the marsh), Robinus de Egelton (Rutland), Will. rotarius de haluton (Hallaton), Reg. Cancellarius (Chancellor), Rog. fil. Hugonis de belegraue (s. p.), A[l]ianus fil. Roberti filii Alani (s. p.), Ric. fil. Roberti filii Jocelini, Tho. fil. Roberti de Hombaken (s. p.), *Will. Parser, Mat. po pistor, Joh. Slike (s. p.), Iuo fil. Willelmi smalbon, Gilb. fil. Swein Balle (s. p.), Will. fil. Hugonis longstaf (s. p.), Will. fil. Roberti filii Ricardi (s. p.), *Joh. daubedame, *Wilke furnur de Munsorel.

*Rob. de Egelton †xiii^d. per finem: plegii de toto pacando ad proximam sedem de Mornspech⁺.

*Willelmus Basset dominus de Sapecote q^t de introitu set debet taurum.

Galf. de Cranford inuadiauit legem Gilde et est q^t de introitu ut teneat fidelitatem Gilde.

Phil. fil. Roberti titchin' (s. p.), *Rog. de Hawethurne (Hathern).

Isti intraverunt G. M. Die Martis secundo ante ascensionem domini tempore Simonis Curleuach Aldermanni Leicestrie.

*Wilardus de Lincoln, Ric. hadecoc (s. p.), Rog. fil. Ricardi Catin', *Rob. mercer de Warknochebi (Wartnaby), *Rad. Auenator de Keston (Coston).

Isti duo scilicet Rob. Mercer et Rad. Auenator quilibet eorum est alterii plegius de tauro et de hanso.

William Basset lord of Sapcote is quit of entry.

Geoff. of Cranford pledged Gild law and is quit of entry that he may keep fealty to the Gild.

These entered the G. M. on Tuesday the second before Ascension Day in the time of Simon Curlevache Alderman of Leicester...

These two, to wit Rob. Mercer and Ralph the horse-provender-monger, each is pledge of the other as to bull and hanse.

¹ The scribe begins to omit the aspirate, as "abet sedem patris."

² O.E. Wulfgifu, fem. This is probably Peter Roger's son, the first Mayor of Leicester.

³ A new scribe begins.

Galf. Abraham. Rob. Chaumpeneis intrauit Gildam Die S. Agnetis secundo, tempore Simonis Curleuach Aldermanni et inuadiauit xxs. et taurum et finem fecit per xs. pro introitu et tauro debet: quietus de omnibus preter hansum.

Alex. fil. Willelmi de Benewic, Ric. fil. Adam tixtoris (Weaver), Rog. Cruke (s. p.).

†*Rog. de Bagedun q^t de introitu; finem fecit per vis. idem dedit iiis. plegius Will. Baud(win) et pacabit iiis. ad aliam sedem uel amittet primos: inde dedit xviii*d.* et in eadem pena: plegius: Hen. ad crucem†. Rog. de Somerdebi.

†*Will. Ruffus de Billesdon† (similarly).

Will. filius Johannis filii Alicie, q^t de introitu, †finem fecit per iiis.† quos Rogerus Catin abuit pro vino.

Will. filius Henrici morker †finem fecit per iiis.† de introitu suo et q^t est de introitu suo.

Will. filius Ricardi Leuke †finem fecit per iiis. de introitu suo et dedit xviii*d.* et debet reddere ad primum morwenspech' per penam de xviii*d.*†

Gauf. filius Willelmi stake habet sedem patris sui.

*Will. palmerius de Beuerle ix*s.* debet et dedit xii*d.* ad inueniendum plegios ad primum mornspech' sub pena de xii*d.*

Will. filius Willelmi tinctoris habet sedem patris sui.

Rogerus filius Galfridi clubbe habet sedem patris sui.

*Joh. de Buscebi †intrauit per xs. et i Taurum, finem fecit per vis., et dedit iiis. et alios pacabit ad primum mornspech' et inueniet plegios de tauro, uel amittet quod pacauit.†.

[? Jan. 20, 1226.] Die Martis festo sanctorum Martirum Fabiani et Sebastiani tempore Simonis Curleuach intrauit Laur. filius Laurencii howel: quietus per Ricardum Catin per totum.

Robert Champeneys entered the Gild on the second feast of St Agnes (Jan. 28) in the time of Simon Curlevache Alderman and pledged £1 and the bull and made fine by 10*s.* for entry, and he owes for the bull: quit of all except the hanse....

Roger of Bowden quit of entry: made fine by 6*s.*: he gave 3*s.*...and will pay 3*s.* at the next sitting or lose the first (payment); whereof he gave 1*s.* 6*d.* and he is under the same penalty: pledge Henry at the Cross, Rog. of Somerby.

On Tuesday the feast of the holy martyrs Fabian and Sebastian, in the time of Simon Curlevache, Laurence son of Laurence Howel entered: quit by Ric. Catin of all.

Eodem die intrauit *Will. Mustarder in gildam (etc.).

Joh. fil. Roberti le Cupere, Phil. fil. turstani le Over¹, Hen. fil. Radufi sywat, Will. caritas (Charity), *Robin driwerie (Drury).

Die Jouis festo sancte Agathe² Iuo daired³ intrauit †per iiis. † q^t.

Walt. de Wttona intrauit †per finem de iiis. plegius: Ricardus Marcant, pacabit ad sanctum Botulphum †.

Ric. Erec intrauit per finem †de iiis. Inde dedit xviii*d*. et alios pacabit ad primum morspech' sub pena de xviii*d*. †.

Ric. de Lund' †intrauit per finem de iiis.: inde dedit xviii*d*. et alios pacabit ad primum morwenspech': inuenit plegios: petrum filium Radulfi, Reginaldum Hocchil'.

Hen. filius Reginaldi Hocchit (sic) intrauit †per finem de iiis.: idem dedit xii*d*. alios pacabit ad Stanford' †.

Simon filius Roberti filii Alani intrauit per finem de †iiis. eius plegii: Robertus sorreye et salomon pacabit ad Stanford per penam de iiis. †.

Wilke Mile filius Ricardi intrauit †per finem de iiis. *vid*. quos pacabit ad Stanford; plegii eius: Will. filius Baudwini et Ernaldus de canoo⁴.

Selwester filius Ricardi filii Edwini intrauit per finem de iiis. † inde dabit xii*d*., et ad Stanford' xii*d*. et ad Nundinas sancti Iuonis⁵ xii*d*.: ita erit q^t. plegius: Joh. Smethe.

Ric. de scrapetoft intrauit et finem fecit †per viis. pro omnibus de quibus reddet apud Stanford' iiis. *vid*. et postea ad proximum mornspech' iiis. *vid*. plegii: Will. Ruffus, Rob. de Couintre et ita erit q^t de tauro et omnibus †.

Rob. Orte intrauit et finem fecit per iiis. †vnde pacabit mediam ad Stanford' † et aliam mediam ad primum mornspech' uel duplicabit per penam.

Die mercurii post festum sancti dionisii⁶ Joh. filius Philippi pistoris intrauit Gildam et habet sedem patris sui ut heres suus.

[Oct. 20, 1227.] Die Martis in crastino Sancti Luce Nicolaus de broc intrauit Gildam: finem fecit †per vs. pro introitu quos pacabit

R. Orte entered and made fine by 3*s*. whereof he will pay a moiety at Stamford and the other moiety at the next morningspeech, or he will pay double by penalty.

¹ See above. For him and the next three Ric. Catin was pledge.

² Thursday, Feb. 5, 1226.

³ O.E. Dægred, masc.

⁴ ?Cranoe.

⁵ Fair of S. Ives, Hunts.

⁶ Wednesday, ? Oct. 14, 1226.

ad Nundinas Norhamton: plegii Gocelinus Turgis et Radulfus de Blabi↓.

Rad. filius Iuonis Sheile Intrauit Gildam †per iiis. quos pacabit in Nundinis Norhamton: plegii↓ Rob. Scorrei, Willelmus Ruffus.

Tho. filius Ricardi Olnue Intrauit in Gildam †pro (*sic*) iiis., quos pacabit infra xv dies:↓ eius plegii: Gilebertus ruffus et Rad. teri: et q^t per plegios per totum.

Joh. Aurifaber de Norhamton intrauit gildam et finem fecit †per dimidium marcum pacandum apud Stanford pro omnibus↓ demandis et pro tauro, preter hansum: plegii: Simon Turc, Will. de Benewic et Osmund pencriz (Penkridge, Staffs.).

Rogerus Crassus de halstede (Halstead) pistor finem fecit de introitu per iiis. pacandum ad Stanford uel ad paska floridum per penam dupli et tunc inueniet plegium de tauro.

Rad. hose intrauit Gildam et inuadiauit xxs. et taurum et inde faciet finem ad proximam sedem, et inueniet plegios. Finem fecit per iiis. vnde pacauit iis. et pacabit alios iis. ad proximam sedem post festum sancti michaelis, uel amittet primos, debet taurum.

*Geruasius de humberston intrauit Gildam et finem fecit pro introitu per vs. vnde pacauit *xxd.* et ad proximam sedem pacabit *xxd.* Et iterum ad secundam sedem *xxd.* et si ad aliquam sedem sicut (*sic*) dictum est se retraxerit amittet quod pacauit.

Rob. de Lincoln parcheminer, Alanus de Lincoln parcheminer.

Iuo fil. Ricardi Palmerii intrauit Gildam die sancti Clementis (etc.).

Die Mercurii vigilia S. Andree: Galf. fil. Roberti Blundi intrauit (etc.).

*Galf. mercer de Nordfolc, *Rad. de haluton, *Ric. de Barkebi, Paganus fil. Radulfi seli.

Simon filius Roberti Ouernon intrauit Gildam et habet sedem patris sui ad respondendum pro debitis patris sui si qua debet.

John Goldsmith of Northampton...made fine by half a mark, to pay at Stamford for all demands and for the bull, the hanse excepted.

Roger the Fat of Halstead baker made fine for entry by 3s. to pay at Stamford, or on Palm Sunday under a double penalty, and then he shall find pledge for the bull.

Gervase of Humberstone entered...entry by 5s.; of which he paid 1s. 8d. and at the next sitting he shall pay 1s. 8d., and again at the second sitting 1s. 8d., and if at any sitting, he shall withdraw, as it is said, he shall lose what he paid.

Simon son of Robert Overnon entered the Gild and has his father's seat, to answer for his father's debts, if he owes anything.

Robinus filius Simonis marwen intrauit Gildam et inuadiauit vs. *iiii*d. : †finem fecit per *ii*s. quos pacauit : q^t †plegius suus : Walterus Bruneman.

Rob. de Sheile (Seale) intrauit Gildam et inuadiauit *xxs.* et taurum : finem fecit †per *ii*s. quos debet et taurum †pacabit ad Stanford : plegius : Griffinus.

Will. hostage intrauit Gildam et †inuadiauit vs. *iiii*d. finem fecit per *ii*s. †pacandum ad Stanford' *ii*s. plegii : Will. hod, Will. de ocham, per penam dupli, et ad introitum dedit *xii*d.

Will. filius Laurencii howes intrauit Gildam, †inuadiauit vs. *iiii*d. finem fecit per *ii*s. pacandum ad Stanford' per penam dupli : q^t.

*Will. Rabaz, Galf. de Benewic, Hugo fil. Galfridi filii Nicolai (s. p.), *Will. Sibbling, *Hugo cupere de Wartnochebi, Pet. fil. Mathei Wischus, *Osbertus le Corder, Rogerus de Queniburc', Hen. Cruke, Rad. Spurneturteis¹, Jac. fil. Walteri crassi (s. p.), Adam fil. Rogeri de Rolueston (Rolleston), Siluester fil. Ricardi Nigri, Simon fil. Osberti carpentarii, *Rog. fil. Radulfi Ruffi, Pet. fil. Henrici caretarii (carter), Adam fil. Roberti Abouetun², *Will. Tute, *Hugo Belhoste (good-host), Pet. Caltrinof (s. p.), Walt. fil. Iohannis de London', Alex. fil. Roberti fabri (s. p.).

Rad. fil. Roberti albolt intrauit et habet sedem patris sui †per *xii*d. quos pacauit pro debito patris sui † (etc.).

Will. fil. Viel (= Vitalis ?), Robin le Mercant fil. Roberti le Marcant, Rad. Oliuer, Reyner de Euinto(n) (s. p.), Rob. fil. Petri feratore (*sic*) (s. p.), Ric. fil. Galfridi le hoser, *Tho. fil. Briani de Luburc³, Sim. le Ferur⁴, Wawdin Eredo⁴.

[Feb. 24, 1233.] Isti intrauerunt G. M. die Jouis festo S. Mathey proximo post obitum Ranulfi Comitis Cestrie⁵.

†Will. Walbelot †, Nic. Burgensis (to pay at Stamford under double penalty).

Hen. fil. Gilleberti intrauit Gildam post Redditum ibernie⁶.

These entered the G. M. on Thursday the feast of St Matthias (or if of Matthew, Thurs. Sep. 12, 1232) next after the death of Ralph Earl of Chester.

¹ Cf. Selby Coucher Book (Yorks. Rec. Soc.) for spornetortois; it is perhaps from O.E. spurnan, to kick, and torteis=torticium, a torch. W. H. S.

² These all pay at Stamford under conditions as above.

³ (?Loughborough) To pay at next Boston fair.

⁴ These two pay the residue at the next sitting or lose their first payment.

⁵ According to Matt. Paris III. 229 he died Oct. 28, 1232, or *Ann. de Theokesb.* p. 87, Oct. 26.

⁶ After return from Ireland.

[v^o.] Isti sunt in tribus defectionibus de Morwenspeche de quibus habeo vadium: de Edimano i chalun', de Reginaldo de Muro: i Burell'; de Willelmo de Blanke i persec'¹; de Roberto filio Siwate, i ciph'²; de Rogero Garin i ciph'; †de Hugo filio Ode pall'†³.

Isti a... tantos denarios adu[ersus] London (30 names and payments: *summa* huius Rotuli xviii. *xd.* ad dominicam.

†Reginaldus del canç' Inuadiauit Iuramentum quod non erat plegius Hugonis de leke et Mathei a le Wambe.

Summa die sancti Albini (*sic*) in manu Joh. Gelig vs. viii^d. ob.

Summa in crastino in manu Alani Oliuer vis. iii^d.

†Summa apud Alanum Oliuer vis. iii^d. die martis ante cathedram S. Petri⁴. Die mercurii proxima iiis. vii^d. Summa die S. Petri ad cathedram viis. vi^d. Die veneris proxima post cathedram S. Petri vis. viii^d. in manu G. de Hunecot. Die mercurii in manu Alani Oliueri xis. *xd.* (?)†

[Feb. 20, 1207?] Die martis ante cathedram sancti Petri quando Simon Comes de Rochefort deseiatu*s* (*sic*) fuit, sunt hii in defectu et tantum debent de debito suo uel de plegiagio pro tertia parte. [19 entries of small debts.]

Rogerus filius daired *finiuit* et pro plegiagio Mathai a le wambe tertiam partem et pro hugone de leca iii^{am} partem de tribus solidis. (10 entries).

Ric. (illegible) xii^d. debet Willelmo filio Willelmi de assebi et ix^d. pro Rogero de frachefort et pro Alano crul[e]⁵ xii^d. pro se ipso.

Turstein liur de dras⁶ viii pro idem (*sic*) Turstein pro se ipso xid. (25 entries of debts).

These made two defaults of Morningspeech (? missed two sittings), of whom I have gage from Ediman 1 coverlet, from Reg. of the Wall, 1 burell (a sort of blanket).

Reginald of the Chancery (Reginaldus Cancellarius occurs above) took his oath that he was not the pledge of Hugh of Leek (or Leake) and Matthew with the Belly.

Sum in the hand of John Gelig on St Alban's day (June 22) 5s. 8½^d.

Sum in the hand of Alan Oliver on the morrow, etc. 6s. 3^d.

On Tuesday before St Peter's chair when Simon Count of Rochefort was disseised, these were in default and owe so much for their debt or for plevin for the third part.

¹ A perse-coloured cloth. Perse is supposed to be either azure or peach colour, but see below. Cf. Riley, *Memorials*, p. 199.

² Cup.

³ Coverlet or cloak.

⁴ S. Peter's chair, Feb. 22.

⁵ ?Curly.

⁶ Thurstan, ?cloth-binder or packer.

Rob. blundus et Rob. brun de receptis introitibus (5 names and payments).

Hec sunt placita Gilde—Will. Taske—1 cuuata ceruisie.

Isti habent le Ban de Gilda mercatoria: Osbern de Mersiton, homo Radulfi seliman, Galfridus le Grom et (one deleted).

Notandum quod iste nundine habent excusacionem in Portmanemot scilicet Nundine S. Iuonis et Nundine S. Botulfi et nundine Lenne et nundine Wintonie et nundine stevhe.

Galfridus de Hunecot queritur de Johanne filio Baud(wyn) quod mentitus fuit super eum quod debet dixisse et promississe senescallo xls. pro planctura: quod nolluit pudorem pro xxs. plegii de proseguendo, Walterus de Cimiterio, Nicholaus Rum, Petrus filius Radulfi; Johannes negavit pudorem et dampnum Gilde et Galfridi, et optulit faciendum sicut debet quod dictum erat ei ab aliis: plegii Johannis, Willelmus de Anglia et taskeman.

[Friday, April 24, 1220.] Notandum quod Campana emptā fuit in Morwenspeche vigilia sancti Marci ewangeliste pro vid. de Ricardo Coco ad Communam Gilde et tradita fuit in manum Ade de Wintonia anno quo Damiata Ciuitas¹ capta fuit a christianis.

Notandum quod campana tradita fuit in manu Rogeri le Winet(ner?)

These are the pleas of the Gild. Will. Taske, 1 vatful of beer.

These have the Bann of the Gild Merchant: Osbern of Misterton, Ralph Sillyman's man, Geoffrey the Groom and (one deleted).

Note that these Fairs have excuse (? are a reasonable essoign) in the Portmanmoot, to wit the Fairs of St Ives and Boston and Lynn and Winchester and (?) Stevenage (or ? Stepney).

Geoffrey of Huncote makes plaint against John Baldwin's son that he lied against him, alleging that he said and promised to the steward 40s. for the plea²; that he would not have had the shame for 20s. Pledges to prosecute, Walter of the Churchyard, Nicholas Rum, Peter Ralph's son. John denied the shame and damage to the Gild and Geoffrey, and offered to do as he ought, (to prove) that it was said to him by others: John's pledges, William of England and Taskman.

Note that the bell was bought in Morningspeech on the eve of St Mark the Evangelist for 6d. from Richard Cook for the Gild Commune and was put in the charge of Adam of Winchester in the year that the city of Damiatta was taken by the Christians.

Note that the bell was put in the charge of Roger the Vintner in the second year that the Lord Henry King of England returned from Brittany. [1232.]

¹ Damiatta fell Nov. 6, 1219. The civic year Sep. 29, 1219, to Sep. 29, 1220, is probably intended.

² Cf. Ducange *plancturia*. But it may possibly mean "beating."

in anno secundo quo dominus Henricus Rex Anglie rediit de Bretannia. [1232.]

Recepta Willelmi de Anglia¹ Die Iouis proxima ante festum S. Ayldrede proximum post obitum Willelmi Ordriz. (15 names and payments.) Summa xviii. viii*d*.

†Ex hoc recepto exiuit Alano Oliuero² scilicet clerico viii*d*. et Ade Seruienti iii*d*. et Roberto de Thorp pro amerciamento uille scilicet de c solidis, xiiii*s*. x*d*. per talliam†.

[Aug. 24, ? 1225.] †Notandum quod Joh. Warin recepit ad opus pontis die S. Bartholomei de Introitu Willelmi Champeneis vs., de Introitu Roberti Generis Ode xii*d*. Item Simon Curleuach de debito Laurencii seruientis super firma domus sue de pentecost' proximo anno preterito xii*d*. Idem Simon habet x*d*. de arreragio Recepti Alani Oliueri. De istis xxiii*d*. quos Simon Curl[euach] recepit dedit Simoni clerico ii*d*. Ade Gurbaud ii*d*. Ade ligatori i*d*. duobus seruientibus ii*d*. et remanserunt ei in manu xvi*d*. quit ad pontem de North†.

Isti electi sunt per commune consilium gilde ad veniendum ad omnes summoniciones Aldermanni ad consulendam villam et ad eum sequendum in negociis ville pro posse suo si sint in villa, sub pena de viii*d*.

Receipts of Will. of England on Thursday next before the feast of St Etheldreda next after the death of Will. Ordriz.—Total 16*s*. 7*d*.

Out of this receipt there was paid to Alan Oliver, to wit the clerk, 6*d*. and to Adam the Sergeant, 3*d*. and 14*s*. 10*d*. by tally to Rob. of Thorpe for the town's amercement to wit in £5.

Note that John Warin received for bridge work on St Bartholomew's day from the entry of Will. Champneys 5*s*., from the entry of Robert Odo's son-in-law 1*s*. Simon Curlevache [received] for the debt of Laurence the Sergeant towards the rent of his house for Whitsuntide last past in last year 1*s*. The same Simon has 11*d*. of arrears of the Receipt of Alan Oliver. Of this 1*s*. 11*d*. which Simon Curlevache received, he gave to Simon the Clerk 2*d*., to Adam Gurbaud 2*d*., to Adam the binder 1*d*., to the two sergeants 2*d*., and there remained in his hand 1*s*. 4*d*.: quit for the North bridge.

These are chosen by the common counsel of the Gild to come to all summonses of the Alderman to advise the town and to serve him in town-business to the utmost of their power, if they are in the town, under penalty of 6*d*.

¹ Deleted, and over is written *Alani Oliuer*.

² Corrected from *Willelmo de Anglia*.

Simon Curleuach Aldermannus, Simon Kel(ing), †Johannes Warin†, Simon S(mall)bone, †Nic. Rum, Rob. ruffus, Joh. Baud(wyn)†, Hen. Costein, Ric. Catin, †Galf. de Hunecot, Hen. Ordeue¹†, Wilardus, †Will. Ruffus†, Will. de Sein Lo, Laur. fil. Radulfi, Pet. fil. Radulfi, †Rob. fil. Aconis†, Will. Baud(wyn), Joh. fil. Rogeri, Pet. Ediman, †Ric. parmenter, Rad. Terri, Ric. Pilse†, Rad. de Swepstun.

Simon Curleuache Aldermannus, Johannes fil. Galfridi, Walterus de Cimiterio, Petrus Caufas, Walterus Leueric, Henricus Saune, Willelmus le Blund, Robertus Warin, Simon Turc, Phelippus filius Roberti, Reginald de Wateberge, Willelmus Morel, Martinus Cage, Simon Keling, Simon Saune, Henricus Costein, Ricardus Katin, Willard, Willelmus de Sein Lo, Laurencius filius Radulfi, Petrus filius Radulfi, Willelmus Baldwinne, Johannes filius Rogeri, Petrus Ediman, Radulfus de Swepstun.

XVII. *Official copy² of Henry III's confirmation to Simon de Montfort of a moiety of the Honour of Leicester.* [Jan. 24, 1236.] Box 11, No. 10.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie dux Normannie Aquitannie et Comes Andegauie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Johannis Regis patris nostri in hec verba : Johannes dei gratia etc. archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis quod concedimus volumus et precipimus quod Robertus comes Leicestrie et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant de nobis et heredibus nostris omnes terras suas et feoda sua cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus bene et in pace et honorifice libere et quiete

XVII. Henry by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, reeves, ministers and all his bailiffs and faithful men greeting. We have inspected the charter of the Lord King John our Father, in these words : John by the grace of God etc. to the archbishops etc. greeting. Know ye that we grant, will and enjoin that Robert Earl of Leicester and his heirs after him shall have and hold of us and our heirs all their lands and fees with all liberties and free

¹ O.E. Ordgifu, fem.

² "Ex Rotulo Cartarum." Examined by H. Elsynge (1604).

de sectis Schyrarum et Hundredorum et auxilio Vicecomitum, siue capiatur per hidatas terre siue per carucatas, et de pecunia danda pro murthero et latrocinio et de denariis ad francumplegium pertinentibus. Et preterea concedimus eis Thol et Theam et Infangenethef et Soc et Sac et quietanciam de dominicis suis per dominica nostra de pontage, passage, Theloneo, pedagio, paage, Stallage, Tallage¹, Geld et Danegeld, Blodwit, Fytwyth, operacionibus Castellorum, murorum, pontium, parcorum, fossatorum, Calcearum, et domorum. Et quod habeant liberam chaciam suam de Whysselay et de Wynberchholth et capcionem venacionis in boscis illis que fuit illi adiudicata per legales milites in curia nostra apud Westmonasterium Anno regni nostri primo. Et concedimus quod predicti bosci sint quieti de vasto et regardo. Teste Ranulfo comite Cestrensi apud Vernol decimo nono die Julii Anno regni nostri primo². Nos autem concessionem omnium predictarum libertatum dicto Comiti factam, qui honorem Leicestrie tenuit in solidum gratam et ratam habentes, ipsam dilecto et fideli nostro Simoni de Monteforti alteri heredum dicti Comitis quantum ad suam medietatem honoris predicti pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et confirmamus. Ita quod idem Symon et heredes sui

customs well and in peace, honourably, freely and quit of suits of Shires and Hundreds, and of Sheriffs' aid, whether it be taken by hidates of lands or by carucates, and of paying money for murder-fine and theft and of the moneys pertaining to frankpledge. And further we grant them toll and team and infangthef and soc and sac and exemption for his demesnes through our demesnes from pontage, passage, toll, pedage³, pavage, stallage, tallage, geld and danegeld, bloodwite, fihwite, works at castles, walls, bridges, parks, ditches, causeys, and houses, and that they shall have their free chase of "Wisselay" and "Wymberholt" and the taking of game in those woods, which was adjudged to him by lawful knights in our Court at Westminster in the first year of our reign. And we grant that the aforesaid woods shall be free from waste and reguard⁴. The Witness being Ralph Earl of Chester, at Verneuil, 19 July 1199.

We then, approving and ratifying the grant of all the aforesaid liberties made to the said Earl, who held the Honour of Leicester in its entirety, grant and confirm the same for us and our heirs to our well-beloved and faithful Simon de Montfort, one of the heirs of the said Earl, as far as concerns his moiety of the aforesaid Honour. So that the said Simon and his heirs may

¹ In the charter of 51 Hen. III. (V. B. No. 32) the list is pedagio, paagio, stallagio, cornagio et tallagio.

² Cf. the much shorter charter dated the same day, *Rot. Chart.* p. 5.

³ Toll paid by travellers through forests.

⁴ The inspection of a forest, or the impost levied by the inspector.

omnes libertates predictas habeant ita plene et integre in sua medietate ac si totus honor esset in manu sua vel heredum suorum. Hiis testibus: Venerabilibus patribus, Edmundo Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, tocius Anglie Primate, J[ocelino] Bathoniensi et W[altero] Carleolensi Episcopis, R[icardo] comite Cornubie et Pictaue, J[ohanne] comite Cestrensi et Huntingdon, J[ohanne] Comite Lincoln, Constabulario Cestrensi, W[illelmo] Marescallo Comite Penbroke, Hugone Comite Oxoniensi, Willelmo Lungespee, R[adulfo] filio Nicholai, W[illelmo] de Grantmesnīl, Amauro de Sancto Amando et aliis. Datum per manum venerabilis patris R[adulfi] Cycestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Merton vicesimo quarto die Januarii anno regni nostri vicesimo¹.

Consimilem Cartam et per eadem verba habet Rogerus de Quency Comes Wintonie qui habet aliam medietatem eiusdem honoris. Teste vt supra. Et habet breuia directa vicecomitibus in quorum² Comitatibus terras habet de Carta legenda et tenenda.

Et mandatum est Baronibus de Scaccario quod predictam cartam inrotulari et contentas in ea libertates et quietancias ei firmiter teneri faciant. Teste vt supra³.

have all the aforesaid liberties as fully and entirely in his moiety as if the whole Honour were in his hand or the hand of his heirs. The Witnesses being the venerable fathers Edmund archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, Jocelin bishop of Bath and Walter bishop of Carlisle, Richard Earl of Cornwall and Poitou, John Earl of Chester and Huntingdon, John Earl of Lincoln Constable of Chester, William Marshall Earl of Pembroke, Hugh Earl of Oxford, William Longsword, Ralph son of Nicholas, William de Grantmesnil, Amaur de S. Amand and others. Dated by the hand of the venerable father Ralph bishop of Chichester, our chancellor, at Merton, on the 24th day of January, in the twentieth year of our reign.

Roger de Quincy Earl of Winchester, who has the other moiety of the said Honour, has a similar charter and in the same words. The Witness being as above. And he has writs directed to the sheriffs, in whose counties he has lands, about reading and observing the charter.

And it is commanded to the Barons of the Exchequer that they cause the aforesaid charter to be enrolled and the liberties and exemptions contained therein to be strictly observed in his favour.

The Witness being as above.

¹ Cf. a charter of 19 Jan. 20 Hen. III. in Nichols' Appendix confirmed by one of 13 Ed. I.

² MS. *quarum*.

³ Cf. *Calendar of Patent Rolls* (State Paper Series), pp. 458-9. Nov. 12, 1329, an exemplification of this charter.

XVIII. *Quitclaim by Earl Simon of his rights in Cowhay Pasture.* [May 3, 1239.] V. B. No. 34.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum Inspecturis Symon de Monte forti, Comes Leycestrie, salutem in domino. Notum sit vniuersitati uestre quod, cum Robertus Comes quondam Leycestrie¹, predecessor meus, feofauerit per cartam suam Burgenses Leycestrie in pastura que dicitur Kowheye, iacente in Campo Australi Leycestrie inter pasturam meam ex utraque parte: Noueritis me remisisse, relaxasse et omnino de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse totum ius et clamium quod habui uel habere potui in prefata pastura liberis Burgensibus meis Leycestrie qui sunt et pro tempore erunt, scilicet illis ad quos prefata pastura pertinere debet², vt et ipsi habeant et teneant prefatam pasturam cum pertinenciis de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete absque destruccione, faciendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis vel successoribus meis pro singulis aueriis in prefata pastura agistatis vel agistandis 3*d.*, sicut tempore predecessorum meorum dari consueuerat. Pro hac autem remissione relaxacione et quieta clamacione, dederunt mihi prefati Burgenses mei vnum pullum³ precii centum solidorum premanibus, ne et ego predictus Symon, nec heredes mei uel successores mei, nec aliquis pro nobis nec ex parte nostra, pecora nostra in prefata pastura agistare

XVIII. To all the faithful of Christ who shall inspect the present writing, Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, sends greeting in the Lord. Be it known to all of you that, whereas Robert late Earl of Leicester, my predecessor, by his charter enfeofed the burgesses of Leicester in the pasture which is called Cowhay, lying in the South Field of Leicester between my pasture on either side, I have remitted, released, and entirely quitclaimed from myself and my heirs for ever all the right and claim which I had or could have in the aforesaid pasture to my free burgesses of Leicester now being and who hereafter shall be, to wit to those to whom the aforesaid pasture ought to belong, that they may have and hold the aforesaid pasture with the appurtenances of me and my heirs freely and quietly without destruction, paying thence yearly to me and my heirs or my successors for each beast agisting or to be agisted in the aforesaid pasture 3*d.*, as in the time of my predecessors was paid. For this remission, release and quitclaim the aforesaid burgesses have given me beforehand a colt price 10*s.*, that I the aforesaid Simon and my heirs and my successors or any one

¹ See No. VII.

² MS. *debeat*.

³ *Cath. Ang.* Pullus, colt, foal, the young of any animal.

vel depascere valeamus. Sed ab omni depastione et agistacione imperpetuum simus exclusi. In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto quiete clamacionis sigillum meum est appositum. Hiis testibus: Philippo Gurlewan, Ricardo de Harecourt, Alexandro de harecourt, Henrico Costeyn, Petro filio Rogeri, Hugone Tasch, Willelmo Tasch, Ricardo filio Gosselyni, Willelmo Walkeleyn, Theobaldo clerico, et aliis. Datum apud Leycestriam in festo Inuencionis sancte crucis, anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis XXIII.¹

XIX. *Copy of a Release by which Earl Simon remits certain payments.* [No date.] V. B. No. 76.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego, Simon de Monte forti, dominus Leycestrie filius comitis Simonis de Monte forti, remisi et omnino quietos relaxaui de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum omnes illos denarios qui cepi (*sic*) solebant annuatim de hominibus Leycestrie pro messura segetum de dominico Leycestrie, et omnes insimul denarios qui cepi solebant de singulis peccoribus et aueriis in defenso Leycestrie pro escapura: Ita tamen quod aueria illa uel pecora non teneantur in defenso illo de uarda facta² uel de consuetudine; et omnes insimul denarios qui cepi solebant de carectis et uecturis portantibus bladum

for us or on our part, may not be able to agist or depasture our cattle in the aforesaid pasture, but that we may be excluded from all depasturing and agisting for ever. In testimony of which thing my seal is affixed to the present writing of quitclaim. These being the Witnesses: Philip Gurlewan, Richard of Harecourt, Alexander of Harecourt, Henry Costeyn, Peter Roger's son, Hugh Tasch, William Tasch, Richard Jocelin's son, William Walkelin, Theobald the clerk, and others. Dated at Leicester on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, in the 23rd year of the reign of King Henry, son of King John.

XIX. Know all men present and to come that I, Simon de Montfort, lord of Leicester, son of the Earl Simon de Montfort, have remitted and entirely released from myself and my heirs for ever all those moneys which were taken yearly from the men of Leicester for the reaping of crops of the demesne of Leicester, together with all the moneys which were taken for all flocks and beasts in the enclosure of Leicester for escape money³; so that those beasts or flocks may not be kept in that close for ward done or for custom, and also all the moneys which were taken for

¹ Printed by Bémont, p. 357.

² See Ducange under Ward-fegh, price paid to be free from the duty of ward.

³ See No. XII. and note.

hominum de Leycestria ad alia molendina quam ad molendina mea de Leycestria: Salua tamen michi et heredibus meis multura dum tamen ad molendina mea de Leycestria inuenire possunt multuram sine impedimento et dilacione. Pro hac autem relaxacione et quieta clamacione dederunt mihi predicti homines de Leycestria quindecim marcas argenti. Et, ne ego Simon uel heredes mei aliquid iuris uel clamei de cetero in predictis denariis pro predictis consuetudinibus et demandis uersus predictos homines de Leycestria uel heredes suos clamare possumus (*sic*), presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Stephano de Segraue, domino Thoma de Neuille, domino Gilberto de Segraue, domino Nicholao de Lestres, domino Willelmo de Sancto Edmundo.¹

XX. *Inquest on the origin of Gavelpence and Bridge Silver.*

[March 17, 1253.] Box 11, No. 12.

Inquisicio facta per iuratos subscriptos, scilicet, Willelmum de Sancto Laudo, Willardum de Lincolnia, Willelmum Baudewin, Alexandrum debonere, Jacobum Motun, Willelmum Gamel, Willelmum Hod, Petrum Palmar, Nicholaum le Burgeis, Robertum Drueri, Willelmum Loueman, Willelmum Balle, Henricum filium Ricardi, Radulfum Fode, Willelmum le Chapmon, et Thomam Geram de denariis qui vocabantur Gouelpeniis et de Pontagio,

carts and waggons carrying the corn of the men of Leicester to any mills other than my mills of Leicester, saving however to me and my heirs the multure², provided that they can get their corn ground at my mills of Leicester without hindrance and delay. For this release and quitclaim the aforesaid men of Leicester gave me 15 marks of silver (£10). And that I, Simon, or my heirs may not demand any right or claim henceforth in the aforesaid moneys for the aforesaid customs and demands against the aforesaid men of Leicester or their heirs, I have set my seal to the present writing. These being the Witnesses: Sir Stephen of Seagrave, Sir Thomas of Neville, Sir Gilbert of Seagrave, Sir Nicholas de Lestres, Sir William of St Edmund's.

XX. The Inquest made by the Jurats underwritten, to wit William of St Lo, Willard of Lincoln, William Baldwin, Alexander Debonair, Jacob Motun, William Gamel, William Hod, Peter Palmer, Nicholas the Burgess, Robert Drury, William Loveman, William Ball, Henry Richard's son, Ralph Fode, William the Chapman, and Thomas Geram about the pence which are

¹ Printed by Bémont, p. 358.

² The profit of milling (portion of corn due to lord of mill out of the corn ground).

qualiter et qua de causa primo dati erant et capti. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod, tempore Roberti de Medland, tunc comitis¹ Leycestrie, contigit quod duo nepotes, scilicet Nicholaus filius Aconis et Galfridus filius Nicholai de Leycestria, quoddam vadiauerunt duellum pro quadam terra, vnde placitum ortum fuit inter eos, et pugnaverunt ab hora prima usque ad horam nonam et amplius, et ita debellantes ad inuicem, vnus eorum fugauit alterum usque ad quandam paruam foueam, et sicut stetit supra paruam foueam et in eam deberet cecidisse, dixit ei nepos eius: "Conserua te de fouea que est retro te, ne cadas in eam": et statim factus fuit tantus clamor et tantus tumultus a circumstantibus et circumseidentibus quod dominus comes audiuit eorum clamorem usque in castrum, et quesiuit tunc a quibusdam qualis fuit ille clamor, et responsum fuit ei quod duo nepotes pro quadam terra debellauerunt, et unus eorum alterum fugauit usque ad quandam paruam foueam et sicut stetit supra foueam et in eam deberet cecidisse, alter ipsum muniuit. Burgenses uero tunc moti pietate ita conuenerunt cum domino comite, quod darent ei tres denarios per annum de qualibet domo cuius gablus situs esset uersus altam stratam, tali condicione quod eis concederet quod per xxiiii iuratos qui erant in Leycestria

called Gavelpence and about Pontage, how and why they were first given and taken. They say on their oath that in the time of Robert of Meulan, then Earl of Leicester¹, it happened that two kinsmen, to wit Nicholas Hakon's son and Geoffrey Nicholas' son of Leicester, waged a trial by battle for a certain land, about which a plea had arisen between them, and they fought from the hour of Prime to the hour of Noon, and longer, and so fighting with each other, one of them drove the other as far as a certain little ditch, and as the other stood over the little ditch and was about to fall into it, his kinsman said to him, "Mind you don't fall into the ditch behind you," and immediately there arose such a clamour and such a tumult among the spectators standing and sitting round, that the Lord Earl heard their noise even in the castle, and then asked some people what the noise was, and he was told that two kinsmen were fighting about a piece of land and one of them drove the other as far as a certain little ditch, and as he stood over the ditch and was about to fall into it, the other warned him. The burgesses then moved by pity agreed with the Lord Earl that they would give him 3*d.* a year from each house which had a gable looking on to the high street, on condition that he would grant that all pleas touching them should henceforth be treated and determined by 24 Jurats who were appointed in

¹ He was not so styled in his own time. It must be Robert Beaumont I. and not II., as Bémont suggests, for Robert II. was not of Meulan, which went to his brother.

antiquo tempore statuti, ex eo tempore omnia placita ipsos contingantia essent discussa et determinata : et hoc a domino comite fuit eis concessum : et taliter prius leuati erant denarii qui vocantur gouelpeniis. Post mortem uero ipsius R[oberti] comitis, successit Robertus filius eius et heres, qui pro salute anime patris sui predictos denarios qui vocantur gouelpeniis penitus remisit, et per cartam suam perpetuum quietos clamauit. Predicta uero carta cum pluribus aliis scriptis et cartis tradita fuit in custodiam cuiusdam burgensis et clerici qui Lambertus appellabatur, in quem malefactores insurrexerunt de nocte, quia pro diuite tenebatur, et domos eius incenderunt et etiam pedes ipsius unacum supradicta carta et multis aliis scriptis.

Elapso autem multo tempore fuit quidam clericus in eadem villa Leycestrie nomine Simone Maudut, qui per multum tempus post mortem predicti Roberti comitis Leycestrie, qui cartam quiete clamacionis confecerat, preposituram Leycestrie habuit ad firmam, et dictos denarios, qui uocantur gouelpeniis vi sua et voluntate propria collegit et extorsit, omnes uero contradicentes distringendo, dicens eis quod warentiam sibi monstrassent de quieta clamacione ; quam quidem quietam clamacionem bene sciuit esse combustam ; et taliter sunt soluti vsque in hodiernum diem.

Hec autem inquisicio facta fuit presentibus Rogero de Ekden tunc

Leicester of old time ; and this was granted to them by the Lord Earl and thus first were raised the pence which are called Gavelpence. After the death of this Earl Robert, Robert his son and heir succeeded, who for the health of his father's soul entirely remitted the aforesaid pence which are called Gavelpence and by his charter gave a quitclaim for ever. The aforesaid charter, with many other writings and charters, was put in the keeping of a certain burgess and clerk who was called Lambert, against whom evil-doers arose in the night, because he was thought to be rich, and they burned his houses and even his feet (!)¹ together with the aforesaid charter and many other writings. Some time after, there was a certain clerk in this town of Leicester by name Simon Maudit², who, for some time after the death of the aforesaid Robert Earl of Leicester who made the charter of quitclaim, had the reeveship of Leicester in farm, and collected and exacted the said pence called Gavelpence by force and at his own will, distraining all who refused to pay, bidding them shew him a warranty of quitclaim, for he knew very well that the quitclaim was burnt, and so they are paid to this very day.

This Inquest was made in the presence of Roger of Ecton³ then bailiff,

¹ ? the feet of the indented records. Cf. Pollock and Maitland, II. 97.

² See the first Gild Roll.

³ Northants.

balliuo, Petro filio Rogeri tunc maiore Leycestrie, Radulfo Oliuer, Ricardo de Campeden, et pluribus aliis die Lune proximo post festum Sancti Gregorii anno regni regis Henrici, filii regis Johannis XXXVII.

*Inquisicio facta per eosdem iuratos coram eisdem Rogero
et Petro et aliis de Pontagio Leycestrie.*

Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod, tempore eiusdem R[oberti] comitis, foresta Leycestrie erat tam grandis, spissa et ampla, quod uix posset aliquis transire per semitas illius foreste, propter multitudinem mortui bosci et ramorum vento prostratorum, et tunc per assensum et voluntatem domini comitis et consilii sui, concessum fuit volentibus querere mortuum boscum, habere sex carrectatas pro uno denario, et summam equi per septimanam pro obolo, et summam hominis per septimanam pro quadrante; et illi denarii primo ad exitum bosci colligebantur, postea uero extra villam Leycestrie propinquius uersus boscum; tandem ecciam illi denarii ad pontes ville Leycestrie colligebantur, vbi primus custos quidam fuit qui uocatus erat Penkrich, cui dominus comes ad petitionem suam postea concessit quandam aream iuxta pontem ad edificandum, ut ibi consuetudinem illam colligere posset competencius. Ille vero Penkrich dictos denarios per multum tempus postea collegit, tam

Peter Roger's son then mayor of Leicester, Ralph Oliver, Richard of Campeden, and many others on Monday next after the feast of St Gregory, in the 37th year of the reign of King Henry, son of King John.

The Inquest made by the same Jurats in the presence of the said Roger and Peter and others about the Pontage of Leicester.

They say on their oath that, in the time of the same Earl Robert, the forest of Leicester was so great, thick and full, that it was scarcely possible to go by the paths of that forest, on account of the quantity of dead wood and of boughs blown down by the wind, and then by the will and consent of the Lord Earl and of his Council, it was allowed to those who wished to look for dead wood, to have six cart-loads for 1*d.* and a horse-load a week for $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* and a man's load a week for $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* and these moneys were collected first at the exit of the wood, afterwards outside the town of Leicester nearer to the wood, and then these moneys were collected at the bridges of the town of Leicester, where at first there was a certain keeper called Penkrich, to whom the Lord Earl at his request afterwards granted a certain space near the bridge on which to build, that there he might collect the custom more conveniently. And this Penkrich for some time after collected the said moneys both for

de viridi bosco et vendicione¹ quam prius facere solebat de mortuo bosco; et sic in posterum in consuetudinem trahebatur. Et ut veritas huius inquisitionis plus pateat et euidentius appareat, bene potest percipi, eo quod nulli extranei, cuiuscunque fuerint prouincie, boscum uel meremium cariantes, siue fuerint de foresta de Arderne, siue de foresta de Kanik, uel de foresta de Nedwode, uel quicunque fuerint, exceptis illis de foresta Leycestrie, nullum pontagium soluunt, nec unquam soluere solebant.²

XXI. *Loan for the redemption of Pontage and Gavelpence.*

[1252—3.] Box 11, No. 13.

Mutuum factum pro Redemptione pontagii et Gavelpeniis anno regni regis Henrici XXXVII.

Porta Orientis (Eastgate).

	De Martino Cagge	.. xs.	Totum..De Hen. Houhil	.. vs.
iiis.	..De Ric. filio clerici	.. vs.	Totum..De Sim. de Beby	.. iiis.
	De Rog. le Cruse	.. vs.	De Greg. pistore	.. iiis.
Totum..	De Hugone de Solario ³	.. iiis.	Totum..De Rob. de Duram	.. vs.
Totum..	De Joh. Lowys	.. iiis.	Totum..De Pet. le Noreys	.. iiis.
Totum..	De Math. de Len (Lynn)	.. iiis.	iiis. ..De Eustachio filio capel-	
iiis.	..De Math. Fode	.. iiis.	lani	.. vs.
iiis.	..De Rob. Parcamenario ⁴	.. iiis.	Totum..De Hen. de Morton	.. iiis.
iiis.	..De Will. Spic	.. iiis.	Totum..De Rob. Race	.. iiis.
Totum..	De Will. de Melton	.. iiis.	De Tho. le Palmer	.. iiis.
	De Rob. Parser	.. xs.	De Gilberto Norman	vis. viiis.
Totum..	De Joh. Pays	.. iiis.	De Joh. Keling	.. iiis.
Totum..	De Rad. Fode	.. iiis.	Summa ciiis. viiis.	
	De Joh. le Mercer	.. iiis.		

green wood and felled wood which [custom] used to be paid for dead wood, and so afterwards it passed into a custom. And that the truth of this inquest may appear the more clearly and be the more obvious, it can well be perceived by the fact that strangers from whatever part they may have come, carrying wood or timber, whether it be from the forest of Arden or from Cannock Chase or from Needwood forest, or whoever they might be, pay no pontage, nor ever used to pay it, those only excepted who came from Leicester forest.

¹ Cf. Ducange, 3 Venda, venditio, vente.

² Printed in Bémont, p. 360, and in *Hist. Com. Rep.* with translation.

³ Of the loft.

⁴ Parchmentmaker.

Borealis (Northgate).

Totum..De Abel	.. vs.	De Hugone Campanista	
iis. ..De Gilberto Scheile	.. iiis.	(Bellman)	.. iiis.
Totum..De Herberto Ruffo	.. vs.	Totum..De Will. le Waleys	..iiis.
Totum..De Tho. de Role (Roth- ley)	.. iiis.	De Ric. de Schulton	.. vs.
Totum..De Sim. in Croft	.. iiis.	Totum..De Pet. Blundo	..iiis.
De Will. de Bedeford	.. iiis.	De Sim. le Ferur	.. vs.
De Will. de Beuerlaco		Summa xlvis.	
(Beverley)	.. iiis.		

Australis (Southgate).

De Jac. Multon	.. nil	De Rob. Saleman	.. iiis.
De Ric. Cade	.. vs.	Totum..De Rad. de Couentre	vis. viii <i>d</i> .
iis. ..De Will. le Gardiner	..iiis.	Totum..De Tho. de Melburn	.. iiis.
De Hen. Schaune—(Ric. prepositus pro eo ¹)	.. iiis.	De Hug. de Blaby	..iiis.
De Will. Prudfot —(Ric. prepositus pro eo)	.. iiis.	De Joh. filio Amice	.. vs.
De Will. Gamel	.. iiis.	iiis. viii <i>d</i> . De Galf. Curlevache	vis. viii <i>d</i> .
Totum..De Greg. de Wileweby		Totum..De Hen. Curlevache	.. vs.
(Willoughby)	vis. viii <i>d</i> .	De Hen. Huleme	.. vs.
Totum..De Nic. filio Martini	..iiis.	De Will. filio Mathei	.. vs.
Totum..De Ric. de Blaby	.. vs.	vs. ..De Reg. de Wateber ⁷	
De Joh. Loueles	.. iiis.	(Whatborough)	.. xs.
De Koc Gilberti	.. iiis.	De Rog. Vergant	.. iiis.
De Joh. de Outhorp (O- thorpe)	.. iiis.	De Rob. de Kent	.. iiis.
		Summa ciis.	

(? Westgate.)

De Reg. de Bekles	.. iiis.	De Hug. Aurifabro	.. iiis.
De Hug. le Parmenter—		De Rad. de Suepston	.. xs.
(Ric. prepositus pro eo)	.. iiis.	De Alex. Dulger—(Ricar- dus prepositus pro eo)	.. iiis.
Totum..De Galf. Kant	.. vs.	De Will. de Nouo Castro	.. iiis.
Totum..De Hen. de Rodinton	vis. viii <i>d</i> .	De Will. Balle	.. iiis.
Totum..De Hug. de Derby	.. vs.	De Greg. Makepays	.. vs.
De Rog. Aldith—(Ric. pre- positus pro eo)	.. vs.	Summa lxiiis. viii <i>d</i> .	
De Radulfo Oliuero	.. xs.		

¹ Richard the Reeve pays for him.

(? Suburb.)

Totum..De Joh. filio Roberto (<i>sic</i>)— (inde Ric. prepositus re- cepit <i>xiiid.</i>) .. vs.	Will. le Mason .. <i>iiis.</i>
Totum..De Will. Baldewin .. vs.	Totum..Rob. de Hoyland .. <i>iiis.</i>
De Ric. Hemeri .. <i>iiis.</i>	Totum..Joh. de Clipston .. <i>iiis.</i>
Totum..De Rob. Driweri vis. <i>viiiid.</i>	Totum..Baudwino in venela (in the Lane)—(Ric. prepositus pro eo) .. <i>iiis.</i>
De Rad. filio Gilberti .. <i>iiis.</i>	Totum..Will. le Palmer .. vs.
Joh. Blund .. vs.	Joh. de Belegraue .. <i>iiis.</i>
Totum..Rad. Glide .. <i>iiis.</i>	Summa <i>ls. viiiid.</i>

Item isti denarii sunt assignati Ricardo preposito si illos possit perquirere¹.

De Walrando le Border .. <i>iiis.</i>	De Gamel de Outheby .. vs.
De Rogero Tichene .. vs.	(Oadby) .. vs.
De Henrico Bertram .. <i>iiis.</i>	De Galfrido de Notingham.. <i>iiis.</i>
De Thoma Ailive .. <i>iiis.</i>	Summa <i>xxiis.</i>

Summa totalis sine *xxiis.* de arreragiis suprascriptis *xviii*li.* viis.*²

XXII. *Earl Simon's Charter remitting Bridge Silver and Gavel-pence, in return for an annual payment.* [c. 1254.] Box 11, No. 16. V. B. (copy) No. 77.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, Dominus Symon de Monteforti, comes Leycestrie, senescallus Anglie, salutem in Domino. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra nos remisisse et quietos clamasse inperpetuum pro nobis et heredibus nostris omnes illos denarios qui aliquo modo nomine pontagii ad pontes nostros Leycestrie exigi et capi solebant, qui vocabantur Briggesiluir, et in simul omnes illos denarios qui in uilla nostra Leycestrie exigi et capi

XXII. To all the faithful of Christ about to see or hear this writing Sir Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, (High) Steward of England, sends greeting in the Lord. Be it known to all of you that we have remitted and quitclaimed for ever from ourselves and our heirs all those moneys which were wont to be taken and exacted in any way under the name of Pontage at our bridges of Leicester, which were called Bridgesilver, and also all those pence which were wont to be taken and exacted in our town of Leicester,

¹ These moneys are assigned to Richard the Reeve if he can recover them.

² Sum total, without the *22s.* of arrears above written, is £18. 7*s.* This paper is given in Jeaffreson's Index. On these names see the second Merchant Gild Roll below.

solebant, qui vocabantur gouilpeniis, ita quod nec nos, nec heredes nostri nec aliquis nomine nostro, decetero de burgensibus nostris Leycestrie uel eorum heredibus seu successoribus, uel ab aliquibus aliis de quocunque loco fuerint, nomine predictorum denariorum qui uocabantur Briggesiluir et Gouilpeniis aliquid capere uel exigere ualeamus, nec quod dicti Burgenses uel heredes sui siue successores aliquid ab aliquibus nomine Briggesiluir aut Gouilpeniis aliquo modo capere possint uel exigere. Et pro hac remissione et quietam clamacione nostra, maior et burgenses nostri de communitate Leycestrie dederunt et quietos clamauerunt de se et heredibus suis inperpetuum nobis et heredibus nostris uel assignatis nostris quinquaginta sex solidos et octo denarios annui redditus, percipiendos in uilla nostra et in campis Leycestrie, scilicet de quatuor uirgatis terre in Campo Australi Leycestrie quas habuimus de Andrea Loterel, quadraginta solidos quos Symon de la Sauce¹ aliquando solebat percipere annuatim de predicta terra, et in uilla nostra Leycestrie et in suburbio eiusdem uille sexdecim solidos et octo denarios; scilicet *in parochia Sancti Nicholai* de quadam terra que fuit Roberti fratris Baldewini de Scharneford, iuxta terram que fuit Galfridi de Honecot viginti denarios, et de terra que fuit Hugonis de Stocton iuxta terram que fuit Walteri Longi, quatuordecim denarios. Et de quadam terra

and were called Gavelpence, so that neither we nor our heirs nor any one in our name shall take or exact henceforth from our burgesses of Leicester or their heirs or successors, or from any others from whatever place they may be, anything under the name of the said moneys which were called Bridge-silver and Gavelpence, neither may the said burgesses or their heirs or successors take or exact in any way anything from anyone under the name of Bridgesilver or Gavelpence. And for this our remission and quitclaim our mayor and burgesses of the community of Leicester gave and quitclaimed from themselves and their heirs for ever to us and our heirs or our assigns, 56s. 8d. of annual rent to be received in our town and in the fields of Leicester, i.e. from 4 virgates of land in the South Field of Leicester, which we had from Andrew Lutterel², 40s. which Simon of Salcey once used to receive annually from the said land; and in our town of Leicester and in the suburb of the same town 16s. 8d., i.e. *in the parish of St Nicholas* from certain land which belonged to Robert the brother of Baldwin of Sharnford, next the land which was Geoffrey of Huncote's, 20d., and from the land which was Hugh of Stoughton's, next the land which was Walter Long's, 14d. And from certain land lying between that which was the said

¹ Co. Northants. Cf. Stevenson, *Nottingham*, i. 16.

² Perhaps the Sheriff of Lincolnshire. Cf. Madox, *Excheq.* 636, 33 Hen. III. Rot. 12 b.

iacente inter terram que fuit predicti Walteri Longi et terram que fuit Roberti le Cunvers viginti denarios; *et in parochia Sancti Martini* de terra que fuit Griffini Le Fol duodecim denarios et unum chaponem; et de quadam terra iacente inter terram que fuit Radulphi Albold ex utraque parte duos solidos et sex denarios et duas gallinas; *et in suburbio orientali*, de terra que fuit Gamil le Watirman nouem denarios et tres gallinas. Et de terra que fuit Ricardi Le Breth nouem denarios et quatuor gallinas; et de terra que fuit Roberti mercatoris decem denarios et obolum et tres gallinas. Et de terra Helye de Burbach quatuor denarios et obolum et vnam gallinam; et de terra que fuit Iuonis de Stretton, quatuor denarios et obolum et vnam gallinam; et de terra Radulphi Clouelec sex denarios; et de terra Petri de Petling duodecim denarios et quatuor gallinas; et de terra Ricardi Cayrun tres denarios et duas gallinas. Et de terra Willelmi de Barkeby tres denarios. *Et in suburbio Boreali* in parochia Omnium Sanctorum de quadam terra iacente inter terram que fuit Walteri rotarii et terram Johannis filii eiusdem Walteri, viginti denarios et vnum chaponem cum homagiis, seruiciis, releuiis et cum omnibus exitibus et libertatibus de predicto redditu prouenientibus. Et ut hec omnia predicta firmitatis perpetue robur obtineant, nos et maior et burgenses nostri Leycestrie presentem cartam in modum cyrographi¹

Walter Long's and that which was Robert the Convert's, 20*d.*; and in the parish of St Martin, from the land which was Griffin the Fool's, 12*d.* and a capon; and from certain land lying between that which was Ralph Albold's on either side, 2*s.* 6*d.* and two hens; and in the East suburb, from the land which was Gamil the Waterman's, 9*d.* and three hens; and from the land which was Richard le Brett's, 9*d.* and four hens; and from the land which was Robert the Merchant's, 10½*d.* and three hens; and from the land of Elias of Burbage, 4½*d.* and one hen; and from the land which was Ivo of Stretton's, 4½*d.* and one hen; and from the land of Ralph Clouelec, 6*d.*; and from the land of Peter of Peatling, 12*d.* and four hens; and from the land of Richard Cayrun, 3*d.* and two hens; and from the land of William of Barkby, 3*d.*; and in the North suburb in the parish of All Saints, from certain land lying between the land which was Walter the Wheelwright's and the land of John the said Walter's son, 20*d.* and a capon; with the homages, services, reliefs, and all the issues and liberties proceeding from the aforesaid rent.

And that all the aforesaid may receive the security of perpetual establishment, we and the Mayor and our burgesses of Leicester have made this present charter in the manner of a chirograph¹, and we have strengthened this part of

¹ An Indenture; two copies of the deed were written on a piece of parchment from the middle to each extremity. Six or eight of the first letters of the alphabet or the word

confecimus, et nos hanc partem eiusdem carte appositione sigilli nostri corroborauimus. His testibus: Domino Ernaldo de Bosco, Domino Radulpho Basseth, Domino Ricardo de Haueringes, Domino Thoma de Estleya, Domino Willelmo Burdeth, Domino Roberto de Foleuile, Domino Radulpho camerario, Domino Roberto Motun, Henrico Mallore et aliis¹.

XXIII. *Earl Simon's Charter introducing the Law of Primogeniture into Leicester, instead of inheritance by the youngest son.* [Oct. 22, 1255.] Box 11, Nos. 14, 15.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus dominus Symon de Monteforti comes Leycestrie senescallus Anglie salutem. Noverit universitas uestra nos pro salute anime nostre, Alienore uxoris nostre, puerorum, antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, ad instanciam et supplicacionem Burgensium uille nostre Leycestrie propter communem utilitatem et melioracionem status eiusdem uille, que, propter defectum heredum et debilitatem eorum, iam multo tempore fere ad occasum declinauit et ruinam, communi assensu et voluntate omnium burgensium predicte uille nostre Leycestrie, concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse quod omnes filii primogeniti de legitimo matrimonio in

the same charter by affixing our seal. These being the witnesses: Sir Ernald of the Wood, Sir Ralph Bassett, Sir Richard of Havering, Sir Thomas of Eastleigh, Sir William Burdett, Sir Robert of Foleville, Sir Ralph the Chamberlain, Sir Robert Motun, Henry Mallory and others.

XXIII. To all the faithful of Christ Sir Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, (High) Steward of England, greeting. Be it known to all of you that we, for the health of our soul and (of the souls) of Eleanor our wife, our sons, ancestors and successors, at the instance and petition of the burgesses of our town of Leicester, for the common utility and improvement of the state of the same town, which, on account of the feebleness and youthfulness of the heirs², for a long time past has almost fallen into ruin and decay, by the common consent and desire of all the burgesses of our aforesaid town of Leicester, have granted and by this our present charter have confirmed that

Cyrographatum were written in large letters upon a vacant space between the two and then the parchment was irregularly cut in and out among these letters: thus serving as a tally or check on forgery.

¹ Printed by Bémont, and in *Hist. Com. Rep.*, and translated by Thompson, *Hist.* p. 71.

² The meaning is made clear by XXIV.

prenominata uilla nostra Leycestrie et eius suburbio, post mortem patris (*sic*) eorum hereditatem paternam et habitationem pacifice, quiete et sine omni contradictione decetero habeant et possideant, et sint eis heredes decetero legitimi; ita quod filii ultimogeniti in dicta uilla Leycestrie qui ante concessionem et confectionem huius carte nostre patribus uel antecessoribus eorum tanquam heredes in hereditate successerunt, toto tempore uite sue pacifice, quiete et sine omni contradictione hereditatem et habitationem habeant et possideant, et quod filii eorum primogeniti secundum concessionem prenominatam in hereditatem decetero succedant. Hiis testibus: dominis Rogero de Quency, comite Wyntonie, Radulpho Basset, Willelmo Basset, Ricardo de Haueringes, Thoma de Estlegh militibus, Bartholomeo le Jefne, Ricardo Morin, Andrea de la Breche, Alexandro clerico et aliis. Actum apud Westmonasterium, die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Luce euangeliste, anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo nono¹.

XXIV. *Henry III's Charter confirming the Introduction of Primogeniture, as in XXIII.* [Jan. 25, 1256.] Box 16, No. 17.

Henricus...salutem. Sciatis nos ad diligentem instanciam et crebram supplicationem Communitatis Burgensium de Leicestria propter

all the sons firstborn in lawful wedlock in our aforesaid town of Leicester and its suburb, on the father's death shall henceforth have and possess the paternal inheritance and dwelling peacefully, quietly and without any hindrance, and shall henceforth be their (fathers') lawful heirs: so that the last-born sons in the said town of Leicester, who, before the making and granting of this our charter, succeeded their fathers or ancestors as heirs to the inheritance, shall have and hold the inheritance and dwelling, during their lives peacefully, quietly and without any hindrance, and that their firstborn sons according to the aforesaid concession shall afterwards succeed them in the inheritance. These being the witnesses: Sir Roger de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, Ralph Basset, William Basset, Richard of Havering², Thomas of Eastleigh, knights, Bartholomew the Young, Richard Morin, Andrew of the Breach, Alexander, the clerk, and others. Done at Westminster the Friday next after the feast of St Luke the Evangelist, in the 39th year of the reign of King Henry the son of King John.

XXIV. Henry...greeting. Know that we, at the diligent instance and repeated supplication of the Community of the Burgesses of Leicester, for the

¹ Printed by Bémont, and in *Rep. Hist. Com.* and partly in Nichols' *Leicestershire*, II. 362. Translated in Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 72.

² Cf. *Epist. Grosseteste* (Rolls Series), p. 276.

utilitatem communem et melioracionem laudabilem status ejusdem ville que per defectum heredum et etatem teneram eorundem...ad occasum vergebat et ruinam manifestam, assensu communi et voluntate unanimi dilecti et fidelis nostri Simonis de Monteforti Comitis Leicestrie et Burgensium predictorum statuisset (etc. as above)...in perpetuum. Si vero ipsi de se ipsis heredes non habuerint tunc propinquiore heredes eorum eis ratione primogeniture hereditarie succedant prout alibi in Regno nostro observatum est et optentum. Hiis testibus: Guido de Lezunan fratre nostro, Johanne filio Galfridi, Johanne de Grey, Willelmo Bardulf, Willelmo de Grey, Alano la Zutch, Nicholao de sancto Mauro, Radulfo de Bakepuz, Walkelino de Ardern, Willelmo Gernum, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Windesoram vicesimo quinto die Januarii anno Regni nostri Quadragesimo¹.

Endorsed: "Carta quod hereditas sit ad communem legem."

[Royal seal.]

XXV. *Grant of land from William Ordric to the Mayor and Burgesses*². [1251—1255.] Box 11, No. 19.

Sciant [etc.] quod ego Willelmus Ordric filius Stephani filii Iuonis dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui Petro filio Rogeri Maiori Leycestrie et Burgensibus et Commune Leycestrie (et

common utility and praiseworthy improvement of the state of that town which through the weakness of heirs and their tender age...was falling to ruin and manifest decay, by the common consent and hearty desire of our well-beloved and faithful Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester and the aforesaid Burgesses, have ordered [etc....as above] for ever. If any should have no heirs of their own body, then let their nearest heirs succeed them according to law of inheritance by primogeniture, as it obtains elsewhere and is observed in our realm. These being the witnesses: Guy de Lusignan our brother, John Geoffrey's son, John de Grey, William Bardolph, William de Grey, Alan de la Zouche, Nicholas de St Maur, Ralph de Bakepuz, Walkelin of Arden, William Gernum and others. , Given by our hand at Windsor on the 25th day of January in the 40th year of our reign.

Endorsed: Charter that inheritance shall be at common law.

XXV. Know...that I William Ordric son of Stephen Ivo's son have given, granted and by my present charter have confirmed to Peter Roger's son, Mayor of Leicester and to the Burgesses and Commune of Leicester

¹ Printed in *Hist. Com. Rep.*

² Probably for the Gild Hall.

successoribus eorum)¹ Capitale Masagium quod fuit patris mei in Leycestria quod est ex obposito Cimiterii S. Nicholai ad quendam cornerium inter terram que fuit Ricardi le Parmenter et terram Henrici Schaune. Habendum et tenendum de me et de heredibus meis predictis Maiori et burgensibus et commune Leycestrie et eorum successoribus libere et quiete et integre et pacifice et inperpetuum reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis pro omnibus serviciis ad nos pertinentibus 16*d.* et duos chapones, scilicet ad Purificationem 5*d.* ad Pentecosten 5*d.* ad festum S. Michaelis 6*d.* ad natale domini 2 chapones. (Warranty clause.) Pro hac autem donacione et concessione et confirmacione dederunt mihi predicti Maior et Burgenses 6 Marchas argenti et dimidiam. (Sealing clause.) Hiis testibus Ricardo de Haueringes, tunc Senescallo Leycestrie, Rogero de Eyendon, tunc balliuo, Simone de Anet, Simone de Pereres, Willelmo Wallense, Willelmo de Sadinton, Rogero de Cramford, Ricardo medico, Willelmo Walkelin, et aliis pluribus².

XXVI. *Release of the annual payment reserved in XXV.*

[1251—1255.] Box 11, No. 20.

(As above)...Habendum (as above)...in perpetuum sine aliqua reclamacione mei uel heredum meorum et absque omni servicio et exaccione seculari uel demanda. Pro hac autem donacione (as above to the end).

and their successors the chief messuage which belonged to my father in Leicester, which is opposite the churchyard of St Nicholas at a certain corner, between land which was Richard the Parmenter's and Henry Shaune's land: To have and to hold of me and my heirs to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses and Commune of Leicester and their successors freely and quietly and fully and peacefully and for ever: paying thence yearly to me and my heirs for all services belonging to us, 16*d.* and 2 capons, to wit at Candlemas 5*d.* at Whitsuntide 5*d.* at Michaelmas 6*d.* at Christmas 2 capons. (Warranty clause.) For this gift and concession and confirmation the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses have given me 6½ marks of silver. (Sealing clause.) These being the witnesses: Richard of Havering then Steward of Leicester, Roger of Eydon then bailiff, Simon de Anet, Simon de Pereres, William the Welshman, William of Saddington, Roger of Cranford, Richard the leech, William Walkelin and many others.

XXVI. (As above)... To have (as above)...for ever without any reclaim by me or my heirs and without any service and secular exaction or demand. For this grant (as above to the end).

¹ So XXVI.

² Endorsed "Est de communa Leycestrie."

XXVII. *Alice, widow of Stephen Ivo's son, releases her right of dower in the same to the Mayor and Burgesses.* [1251—1255.]
Box 11, No. 18.

Sciant...quod ego Alicia que fui uxor Stephani filii Iuonis remisi et concessi et presenti carta mea quiete clamavi inperpetuum de me et de heredibus meis Petro...et successoribus eorum totum Jus et clamium quod habui...nomine dotis in capitali Masagio quod fuit Stephani quondam sponsi mei quod est (as described in XXV.). Pro hac autem concessione et quieta clamacione dederunt mihi predicti Maior et Burgenses 2 Marchas argenti. (Sealing clause.) Witnesses as in XXV.

XXVIII. *Charter of Henry III. granting an exemption from royal prises.* [May 30, 1259.] Box 16, No. 21.

Henricus [etc.] balliuis [etc.] salutem. Sciatis nos ad instanciam dilecti et fidelis nostri Simonis de Monte forti Comitis Leycestrie concessisse pro nobis et heredibus nostris Burgensibus suis Leycestrie quod a festo Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni nostri quadagesimo primo usque ad finem septem annorum proximo sequencium quieti sint de omnimoda prisa nostra de pannis et omnibus aliis rebus et mercandisis suis in singulis nundinis et mercatis per totum regnum et potestatem nostram. Ita quod nullus ab eis aliquid capiat de pannis aut aliquibus rebus uel mercandisis suis contra voluntatem eorum aut nisi eis inde incontinenti (*sic*) taliter satisfiat quod

XXVII. Know...that I Alice who was the wife of Stephen Ivo's son, have remitted, granted and by my present charter have quitclaimed for ever from myself and my heirs to Peter...and their successors all the right and claim which I had...by way of dower in the chief messuage which belonged to Stephen my late husband (as in XXV). For this concession and quitclaim the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses gave me two marks of silver. Sealing clause. Witnesses as in XXV.

XXVIII. Henry, [etc.] to his bailiffs [etc.], greeting. Know ye that we have granted at the instance of our well-beloved and faithful Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester, for us and our heirs, to his Burgesses of Leicester, that from the feast of St John the Baptist in the forty-first year of our reign until the end of the seven years next following they shall be free from every kind of prise taken by us from cloth and all other goods and from their merchandise in all fairs and markets throughout our realm and dominion. So that no one may take anything from them, from cloth or any goods or merchandise of theirs against their will, or unless such satisfaction is immediately given

dicti Burgenses inde fuerint contenti. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod predictos burgenses contra hanc concessionem nostram non vexetis aut ab aliis vexari permittatis. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras eis fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tricesimo die Maii anno regni nostri quadragesimo primo¹.

[Fragment of royal seal.]

XXIX. *Henry III.'s grant of the privileges of the Honour to Edmund.* [Jan. 12, 1267.] V. B. No. 32².

Henricus...salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus Edmundo filio nostro Comiti Leycestrie (and as above in XVII., John's charter to Earl Robert repeated, to "vasto et regardo." Then follows:) et quod ipse et heredes sui eisdem libertatibus et consuetudinibus sine impedimento nostri uel nostrorum vtantur imperpetuum. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predictus Edmundus et heredes sui habeant et teneant (repeating the list of privileges as in XVII.). Hiis testibus: Roberto Walrand, Roberto Aguloun, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium XII. die Januarii anno regni nostri LI.

them that the said Burgesses shall be content therewith. And therefore we command you that ye vex not the said Burgesses nor allow them to be vexed by others contrary to this our concession. In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent for them. Witness myself at Westminster on the 30th day of May in the 41st year of our reign.

XXIX. Henry...greeting. Know that we have granted to our son Edmund Earl of Leicester (and as above in XVII., John's charter to Robert repeated, to "waste and regard." Then follows:) and that he and his heirs use for ever the same liberties and customs without hindrance from us or ours. Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin for us and our heirs that the aforesaid Edmund and his heirs have and hold (repeating the list of privileges in XVII.). These being the witnesses: Robert Walrond, Robert Agiloun and others. Dated by our hand at Westminster on the 12th day of January, in the 51st year of our reign³.

¹ Printed in Jeaffreson's Index with translation and in *Hist. Com. Rep.*

² A copy.

³ Printed in Nichols, Appendix to vol. I.

XXX. *Copy¹ of Henry III's patent granting the Honour, town and Castle of Leicester to Edmund.* [1268—9.] Box 11, No. 26.

Rex, archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Edmundo filio nostro karissimo honorem, villam et Castrum Leycestrie et omnes terras et tenementa eiusdem honoris cum feodis militum et aliis omnibus pertinenciis suis quocumque nomine censi possint que fuerunt quondam Simonis de Monteforti Comitis Leycestrie inimici nostri, et que, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri per guerram quam contra nos ad exheredacionem nostram in regno nostro excitavit et bella que contra nos in quorum altero apud Euesham quo (*sic*) tanquam inimicus noster interfectus fuerat, comisit, ad nos tanquam escaeta nostra per predictam forisfacturam suam deueniunt. Habendum et tenendum eidem Edmundo et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis de nobis et heredibus nostris bene et in pace cum omnibus ad dictum honorem, villam et castrum spectantibus quocumque iure vel nomine censi possint sicut idem Simon ea quondam tenuit et habuit, faciendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris seruicia inde debita et consueta. Dedimus etiam et concessimus eidem Edmundo filio nostro omnes

XXX. The king to the archbishops etc. greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted and by this our charter have confirmed to Edmund our dearest son, the honour, town and castle of Leicester and all the lands and tenements of the same honour with knights' fees and all other things pertaining thereto under whatever name they may be reckoned, which once belonged to Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester our enemy, and which according to the law and custom of our realm by the war which he raised against us to disinherit us in our realm, and by the battles he fought against us (in the second of which at Evesham he had been killed as our enemy), came to us as our escheat by his aforesaid forfeiture. To have and to hold to the said Edmund and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, from us and our heirs, well and in peace with all things pertaining to the said honour, town and castle, by whatever right or name they may be reckoned, as the said Simon held and had them formerly, doing for them to us and our heirs the services due and accustomed. We have given also and granted to the

¹ "Ex Rotulo Cartarum de anno 53 Hen. III." Copied in 1604.

terras et tenementa que idem Simon tenuit de Baronia quondam Johannis le Viscunte in Northumbria etc.¹

XXXI. *Third Charter of Henry III.* [April 20, 1269.]
Box 16, No. 24, and Box 11, No. 25.

Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod ad instanciam Edmundi filii nostri karissimi concessimus maiori et Burgensibus ipsius filii nostri de Leycestria pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ipsi uel eorum bona quocumque locorum in potestate nostra inuenta non arestentur pro aliquo debito de quo fideiussores aut principales debitores non extiterint, nisi forte ipsi debitores de eorum sint communa et potestate, habentes vnde de debitis suis in toto uel in parte satisfacere possint, et ipsi maior et Burgenses creditoribus eorundem debitorum in iusticia defuerint, et de hoc rationabiliter constare poterit. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram decem Librarum ne quis eos contra hanc libertatem et concessionem nostram in aliquo iniuste molestare aut inquietare presumat. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus

said Edmund our son all lands and tenements which the said Simon held in the Barony late belonging to John the Viscount in Northumberland² etc.

XXXI. Henry by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom the present letters may come, greeting. Know ye that at the instance of Edmund our dearest son we have granted to the Mayor and Burgesses of our said son, of Leicester, for us and our heirs, that they or their goods found in whatsoever places within our jurisdiction be not arrested for any debt of which they are not the pledges or principal debtors, except in case the debtors themselves are of their commune and jurisdiction having whereof their debts may be wholly or partly satisfied, and the Mayor and Burgesses shall have failed in doing justice to the creditors of the same debtors, and that this can be ascertained with reasonable clearness. And we forbid, under penalty of forfeiture to us of ten pounds, that any one presume to molest or disquiet them unjustly in aught in breach of this our liberty and concession. In testimony whereof

¹ Printed (except the last sentence) in Nichols, App. I. 1. p. 20. It is dated 22 Ap. 53 Hen. III.

The privileges of the Barony of John de Scotia, Earl of Chester and Huntingdon are copied into the Vellum Book, but as they refer to Huntingdonshire only, they are not here printed. See Calendar of Charters, no. 6.

² Cf. *A History of Northumberland* by E. Bateson, II. p. 14 sq.

patentes. Teste me ipso apud Wyndesoram vicesimo die Aprilis anno regni nostri Quinquagesimo tercio.

[Royal seal in Box 16, No. 24¹.]

XXXII. *Quitclaim to the Mayor and Burgesses.* [? date.]

Box 11, No. 29.

Sciant...quod Ego Symon filius Roberti de la Saucey² dedi...et in perpetuum de me et heredibus meis quietas clamaui Maiori et Burgensibus de communitate Leycestrie quadraginta solidatas annui redditus quos (*sic*) solebam percipere de 4 virgatis terre in territorio extra portam Australem Leycestrie que quondam fuerunt Thome Taske quas quidem 4 virgatas Dominus Simon de Monteforti emit de domino Andrea Loterel²: Habendas et tenendas dictis maiori et Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus de communitate Leycestrie uel cuicumque dare voluerint et assignare in perpetuum libere quiete et hereditarie: Ita tamen quod predictæ 4 virgate terre in cuiuscumque manu fuerint respondebunt capitalibus dominis de (servicio) forinseco sicut et mihi respondere solebant. Pro hac autem donatione...dederunt mihi predicti maior et burgenses 33 marcas

we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Windsor on the 20th day of April, in the 53rd year of our reign.

XXXII. Know...that I Simon Robert's son of Salcey have given...and for ever quitclaimed from myself and my heirs to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Community of Leicester 40 solidates of annual rent which I used to receive from 4 virgates of land in the field outside the South gate of Leicester, which once belonged to Thomas Task, which 4 virgates Sir Simon de Montfort bought of Sir Andrew Lutterel: to have and to hold to the said Mayor and Burgesses and their heirs and successors of the Community of Leicester or to any to whom they should wish to give and assign them, for ever, freely, quietly and by hereditary right: yet so that the said 4 virgates in whosoever hand they may be, shall answer to the chief lords for forinsec (service) as they used to answer to me. For this donation the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses gave me 33 marks sterling from the Community of

¹ The copy in Box 11, No. 25 has the cord but no seal. It omits the passage about the fine of £10. The copy in *Pat. Roll* 53 Hen. III. mem. 18, 40 has this passage. This charter is printed in *Hist. Com. Rep.* and translated in Jeaffreson's Index.

A number of similar charters were conferred upon towns 1255-1272, preparatory to the law of 1275. Thus Derby, Norwich, Nottingham, Yarmouth, Cambridge. Cf. Stevenson, I. 41, 53. Green's *Town Life*, I. 166. Madox, *Firma Burgi*, p. 9. Cooper's *Cambridge*.

² See p. 47 and notes.

sterlingorum de communitate Leycestrie premanibus. [Warranty clause "contra omnes gentes tam Christianas quam Iudeas."] [Sealing clause.] Hiis testibus Domino Ricardo de Haueringes tunc Senescallo Domini Comititis Leycestrie, Domino Radulfo Basseth de Sapcote, Domino Thoma de Estleya, Domino Roberto de Foleuill, Domino Radulfo Camerario, Domino Alano Costeyn, Rogero de Eyden, Roberto Falconario, Johanne de Seneuill, Roberto de Burstal, Waltero de sancto Michaelae et aliis.

[Fragment of seal inscribed "Sauce."]

XXXIII. *Quitclaims from and to the Mayor and Burgesses.*

[c. 1273.] Box 11, No. 32¹.

Omnibus...ad quorum noticiam presens scriptum cyrographatum peruenerit Dominus Alexander dictus le Boneyre maior Leycestrie et eiusdem ville communitas salutem in domino sempiternam. Nouerit vniuersitas uestra nos communi assensu nostro remisisse et omnino quietum clamasse Thome (filio) Jordani de sancto Botulpho totum ius nostrum et clamium quod habuimus habemus uel de cetero quocumque modo per quamcumque cartam temporibus retroactis prefatam a quacumque persona habere poterimus in totum illud tenementum cum domibus superedificatis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in villa sancti Botulfi quod aliquo tempore de eodem Thoma tenuimus pro 3½ marcis sterlingorum per annum soluendis eidem. Ita uidelicet quod nos aut heredes nostri uel aliquis alius pro nobis aut heredibus

Leicester beforehand. Warranty clause "Against all men, Christians as well as Jews." Sealing clause. These being the witnesses: Sir Richard of Havering then Steward of the Lord Earl of Leicester, Sir Ralph Basset of Sapcote, Sir Thomas of Eastleigh, Sir Robert of Foleville, Sir Ralph the Chamberlain, Sir Alan Costeyn, Roger of Eydon, Robert the Falconer, John de Senville, Robert of Birstall, Walter of St Michael's, and others.

XXXIII. To all...to whose notice the present indented writing may come, Sir Alexander called le Bonair² mayor of Leicester and the community of the said town perpetual greeting in the Lord. Be it known to all of you that we by our common consent have remitted and entirely quitclaimed to Thomas (son of) Jordan of Boston all our right and claim which we had, have or may have in any way, henceforth, by any charter made in past times by any person, in all that tenement, with houses built thereon, and all its other appurtenances in the town of Boston which we held at any time of the said Thomas for 3½ marks sterling paid to him annually. That is to say: so that we or our heirs or any other for us or our heirs or successors at any time

¹ A chirograph.

² Alexander le Debonair, see below.

uel successoribus nostris aliquo tempore in villa Leycestrie existentibus aliquid Juris uel clamii in predicto tenemento cum domibus et pertinentiis suis nullo modo exigere vindicare seu reclamare de cetero poterimus in perpetuum. Et sciendum est quod ego predictus Thomas filius Jordani hoc presente scripto cyrographato remisi et omnino quietum clamaui supradictis maiori et communitati Leycestrie et heredibus ac successoribus suis de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum totum ius meum et clamium quod habui uel quocumque iure habere potui in dictis $3\frac{1}{2}$ marcis annui redditus quas mihi annuatim de dicto tenemento ut prenotatum est reddere solebant. Ita uidelicet quod nec ego aut (*sic*) heredes mei poterimus aliquo modo de cetero in perpetuum aliquid Juris uel clamii exigere vindicare aut reclamare uersus dictos maiorem et Communitatem Leycestrie eorum heredes aut successores ratione annui redditus supradicti quod reddere mihi per annum solebant de tenemento supradicto. Pro hac autem concessione...redditus supradicti, maior et Communitas dederunt mihi plenarie et integre 40 sol. argenti. Et tam ego prefatus Thomas filius Jordani quam nos prenominati maior et communitas renunciamus in premissis omnibus iuris auxilio canonici et ciuilis priuilegio clericatus et fori, omnibus litteris et priuilegiis impetratis et impetrandis et maxime regie prohibitioni et omnibus aliis excepcionibus et deffensionibus personalibus et realibus que possent obici contra premissa.

existing in the town of Leicester may not exact, vindicate or reclaim any right or claim in the aforesaid tenement with its houses and appurtenances in any way henceforth for ever. And be it known that I the aforesaid Thomas Jordan's son by this present indented writing have remitted and entirely quitclaimed to the aforesaid mayor and community of Leicester and their heirs and successors, from me and my heirs for ever, all my right and claim which I had or by any right could have in the said $3\frac{1}{2}$ marks of annual rent which used to be paid to me annually from the said tenement as aforesaid : that is to say, so that neither I nor my heirs shall henceforth and for ever in any way exact, vindicate or reclaim any right or claim from the said mayor and community of Leicester, their heirs or successors, by reason of the said annual rent which they were wont to pay me yearly from the aforesaid tenement. And for this concession...of the aforesaid rent, the mayor and community have given me fully and entirely 40 shillings of silver. And both I, the aforesaid Thomas Jordan's son, and we, the aforesaid mayor and community, renounce in all the aforesaid rights, the aid of canon and civil law, privilege of clergy, and of the ecclesiastical courts, and all letters and privileges obtained or to be obtained, and above all the royal prohibition and all other exceptions and inhibitions personal and real, which may be opposed to the aforesaid.

In cuius rei testimonium partes alternatim huic scripto cyrographato sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus: Petro le blond, Johanne de Colingham, Waltero Brun, Petro le bel, Ricardo de Beuerle, Roberto de Welton et aliis¹. [Seal².]

XXXIV. *Second Merchant Gild Roll.* Box 1, No. 2.

1. A single membrane fastened to the main roll, torn at the top and undated, has on the recto eight entries imperfect, concluding :

Ric. de Munsorel³, Joh. Ruffus, Rob. de Stoctun (two torn), †Will. de Lychesfelde, Will. de Burton, Will. fil. Waukelin†, Sim. de Halevton, Walt. de Hawirberge⁴, Will. le Gardiner, Steph. fil. Roberti Alby (s. p.), *Rad. Owarius, †Rad. Glide, Rad. Eowe, *Sim. de Lowisby, *Will. fil. Roberti de Silleby†.

[Feb. 27, 1234.] Willelmus de Seynlo electus fuit esse Aldermannus cum Simone Curleuache in a. r. r. Henrici XVIII. cuius anni circulus lunarius⁵ fuit nonodecimus (*sic*) a die Lune proxima post festum S. Petri in cathedra. [Entries.] †Will. le Carpenter†, *Will. Pipaunt, And. le Burgeis (s. p.), *Ric. de Cowpelond, *Joh. de Swepeston, Jac. Pipaunt (s. p.⁶), Pet. fil. Walteri, Joh. Albus, Hen. Truncun (s. p.), Joh. In Angulo, *Rob. de Hothon (Hoton), *Alan. de Humberston, Eustacius fil. presbiteri⁷, Joh. Bum.

[1236.] Isti intrauerunt Gildam mercatoriam anno primo in quo Henricus Rex Anglie filius Johannis desponsauit uxorem suam. Joh. fil. Simonis Merewenne (s. p.), *Hen. de Tiltone, Rob. Karitas, *Tho. de Role (Rothley).

In testimony whereof the two parties have placed their seals to this indented writing. These being the witnesses: Peter the White, John of Collingham, Walter Brown, Peter the Handsome, Richard of Beverley, Robert of Welton and others.

XXXIV. William of St Lo was elected to be Alderman with Simon Curlevache in the 18th year of King Henry's reign, of which year the lunar cycle was the nineteenth, from Monday next after the feast of St Peter's Chair.

These entered the Gild Merchant in the first year in which Henry, King of England, John's son, married his wife.

¹ Endorsed "Carta sancti Botulfi," "Carta de la gild halle."

² Inscribed "S. Thom...rdani" round a cock.

³ From this point the capitals of the original are not strictly followed.

⁴ Market Harborough. The payments vary from 3s. to 8s.; 3s. is the normal sum.

⁵ Here and in the subsequent entries the Circulus lunaris has been confounded with the Circulus decemnovennalis or Numerus aureus. Cf. Giry, p. 149.

⁶ With a payment.

⁷ The priest's son.

[1237.] Isti intrauerunt G. M. anno quo Henricus Rex filius Johannis Regis tenuit concilium extremum apud Westmisterium ciclo corrente iii^o. *Reg. de Beclis, *Ric. le specer, Phil. Ouirnon, Will. le ferur (s. p.)¹, †*Will. de Nouo Castello, *Rad. fil. Ricardi de Kibwrthe, Ric. Truncun⁺, Hen. le Cuuer, †*Ric. de Cnapetoft, *Hug. Lincolnie⁺.

2. A roll fastened in with Roll 2, consisting of four membranes, has at the end of the verso :

Memorandum quod Rotulus iste cissus fuit de aliis rotulis.

Also on the verso :

[1239.] Item habemus in Bursa de Gilda sexaginta et xvs. viid. Inde commodauimus viiis. iid. ad commodum ville.

[Feb. 4, 1239.] Memorandum quod Henricus Alsi quietus est de omnibus versus Martinum Cage, preter octo marcas et vs. sicut continetur in cyrograffo inter eos confecto anno gratie MCC tricesimo nono, ciclo lunari quinto. Hiis testibus: Simone Curleuache et Willelmo de Seynlo tunc aldermannis, Willardo tunc preposito, et totum Morwenspeche: In crastino S. Blasii martiris².

[Jan.—Mar. 1242.] Memorandum quod heredes Stephani Ordriz³ solebant reddere heredibus Willelmi Bunne 6*d.* redditus et duos capones de terra que quondam fuit Galfridi Bunne in parochia S. Micaelis: prouisum fuit per commune consilium de morwinspeche quod heredes dicti Stephani tenerent duos capones in manus suas et soluerent 3*d.* dim. (a word illegible) et heredibus Petri Stake

These entered the G. M. in the year in which King Henry, son of King John, held the last council at Westminster, during the third (lunar) cycle.

Memorandum that this roll was cut from the other rolls.

Item. We have in the Gild purse £3. 15*s.* 7*d.* Thereof we have lent 8*s.* 2*d.* for the convenience of the town.

Memorandum that Henry Alsy is quit of everything (due) to Martin Cage except 8 marks and 5*s.*, as is contained in the chirograph made between them in the year of grace 1239 in the fifth lunar cycle. These being the witnesses: Simon Curlevache and William of St Lo then Aldermen, Willard then reeve and all the Morningspeech on the morrow of St Blaise the martyr.

Memorandum that the heirs of Stephen Ordriz were wont to pay the heirs of Will. Bunne 6*d.* of rent and two capons from the land which once was Geoffrey Bunne's in the parish of St Michael. It was provided by common counsel of the Morningspeech that the heirs of the said Stephen might keep the two capons in their hands and pay 3*d.* each half...and give 3*d.* to the

¹ Owes the hanse.

² Then follows a note of the payment of 5*s.* of the debt of 8 marks 5*s.* on June 7, 1239.

³ See XXV—XXVII.

3*d.* darent : habeant varantum : actum a. g.¹ MCC quadragesimo primo cyclo lunari octauo, tempore Aldermannorum Simonis Curleuache et Willelmi de Seinlo.

The recto of the same is torn at the top, where are these undated entries : Will. fil. Willelmi le mercer (s. p.), Alex. fil. Willelmi Alsì (s. p.), †Tho. fil. Thomae Purs↓, Galf. Curlewache, Hen. Curlewache, Will. in fossato, Rad. Hochil, Ric. le Curteis, *Ric. Monfot, Will. fil. Martini ad Mocstede (s. p.), †Sim. fil. Willelmi le Roer²↓, Rog. fil. Ricardi Tichine (s. p.), Hen. fil. Ricardi le Geline³, Galf. de Lowisbi, Galf. de Notingham, Rob. de Alwetun (Hallaton), Rad. fil. Roberti de Couintre, Mathias de Hovby, Rob. fil. Rogeri de Anlep, Mille Levkil⁴, Will. Britmere, Rob. fil. Fulconis, †Sim. le gardener, *Pet. de Wichamtun⁵↓, *Sim. de Cotis⁵, Joh. Dodeman (s. p.), †Iuo de Cosintun↓.

[Jan. 22, 1238.] Pet. Keling, †Greg. fil. Odardi⁶↓, Pet. Catin, Walt. Largus, Tho. Ovarius, (Ea)d. de Wynepol⁷, Will. fil. Ricardi de Hunecote, Rob. de Byseg, Will. fil. Symonis (s. p.), †Tho. Gos↓, Will. Gresgod, Will. de Bedeford, Rob. Parfet, Abel⁸, †Ric. de Sadinton, tanator, Hen. Largus, Millo de Croxtun, †Sim. de Bemfeud↓, Will. de Barlitun, †Pet. de Authorp↓, Hugo Ride (s. p.), Rob. de Croxtun.

[May 20, 1239.] Galf. de Lilleburn, Will. de Ailiston⁸.

[1239—40.] Rob. fil. Jurdani, (Ra)d. fil. Henrici Costeyn, †Rog. fil. Will. cum Barba, Joh. fil. Petri, And. de Gauulistun, *Rob. de Craft (? Croft), Joh. albus tanator⁹, †Rad. le Ko (cook)↓, Math. fil. Simonis Fode, Joh. fil. Martini de Rolwiston, Rob. de Charleye, †Rob. fil. Henrici le Chat, Will. de Glen↓, Joh. Wetebred, Galf. de Hothorp (Othorpe), Pet. fil. Willelmi de Seinlo, Rog. Glide, Simon Ancel¹⁰ (s. p.), Rog. de Kerebroc, Will. Leftant, Joh. fil. Roberti Wineger¹¹ (s. p.), Tho. de Busceby, Ric. Dod, Hen. de Rodinton, Rob. de Thokeya (Tugby), Laur. Cocus.

[1240.] Ric. de Muncerel intravit G. M.; fecit finem pro iiiis. :

heirs of Peter Stake. Let them have warranty. Done in the year of grace 1241, in the eighth lunar cycle, in the time of the Aldermen Simon Curlevache and William of St Lo.

Richard of Mountsorrel entered the G. M. ; made fine for 4*s.* ; is quit of

¹ Thus 'anno gratie' in future.

² Wheeler.

³ ? Poulterer.

⁴ Mille = Miles, Levkil = O. E. Leofcytel.

⁵ Wickhampton (Norfolk). Finem fecit pro omnibus pro vno tauro.

⁶ Frankish equivalent of Edward.

⁷ ? Wimpole.

⁸ Pledged 20*s.*, paid 6*s.*

⁹ Perhaps white-tawyer, preparer of white leather.

¹⁰ Preceded by "alcr" perhaps deleted.

¹¹ O. E. Winegār.

quietus est per totum (a passage illegible) quod debet habere gildam suam et pannum cindere et omnia facere que spectant ad gildam et tallagium cum hominibus pacare.

Rad. Fode, Joh. le parcheminer, Hugo Peitewin¹.

[1242.] Haude de Benewic, Ric. fil. Willelmi filii Clerici, Galf. de Galeby, Hen. Catin, †Math. de Len (Lynn)†, *Galf. Albus de Wyldehuf, Will. fil. Martini ad Roluistun, Rog. Leftant, Greg. fil. Thome tingtoris (dyer), †Tho. de Cuntassethorp (Countesthorpe)†, Will. Balle, Ric. le Gardener, Tho. de Lichisfeud, †Joh. filius (*sic*), Rad. Kepegest†, Alex. fil. Ricardi Assewy, †Joh. le Mercer de Norfoc, Rob. de Elenefeut², Hugo de Dereby, Tho. de Haleuton, Walt. Kepegest†, Martin fil. Adam de Rolliston.

[1242—43.] †Joh. fil. Thome de Warewic, Ric. de Blaby, Will. Vade³, Jacob. Sep, Rob. de le Mire, Alex. Debonere, Gillebert Seyle, *Hugo de Camera, Rog. de Houtheby, Alex. de Hachon, Ric. de Wileweby, Joh. Chaumpenes, Rob. de Elmete†, Mic. fil. Martini (s. p.), †Joh. le Seler, Hen. fil. Gamil†, Rad. de Torchemer (s. p.), †Rob. Tille, Wilke de Pailinton, Math. Ebrout⁴, Gamil de Houtheby, Walt. de Paxtun, Gillord de le Wodegate†, Joh. de le hay, †Hen. Hilleme, Rad. Sabin, Will. Spic†, Sim. de Beby, Hen. fil. Osemundi (s. p.), Sim. Wibern, Hugo de Lucteburg, Rob. de Hochtorp (three entries torn), Will. fil. Willelmi le Noreis, Walt. Gobigrant, Will. de Stowe, Rad. fil. Gilleberti, †Jacob. Dorlod†.

[Mar. 8, 1247.] Tho. le Palmer, †Pet. fil. Roberti le Teler (tiler), Ric. de Grendon, Gilb. de Brackele†.

[Ap. 30, 1247.] †Mat. de Blanke†, Rob. le Taillur, †Richer de Northfolk†, Bette Caperun⁵, Will. de Dunstaple, Will. fil. Ricari mercator, Will. Baldewin, Will. Prudfut, Hen. de Mortun, Rob. de Heylond (last five all s. p.)⁶.

3. Consisting of 16 membranes, is much torn at the top, and some of the entries are illegible. In 1248 4 torn entries, and before Whitsuntide of that year, 16 entries. After Whitsuntide:

†Aching⁷ de Radecliua intrauit (etc.). Tali condicione quod nisi veniat ad proximum pascha sequens ad manendum in Leycestria

all and (took oath?) that he ought to have his Gild and cut cloth and do all things which belong to the Gild and pay tallage with the men (of the Gild).

Aching of Ratcliffe entered...on the condition that if he does not come

¹ Native of Poitou, Poitevin.

² Cf. Elrenesfield below.

³ O. E. Wada.

⁴ Frankish Ebrowalt, masc.

⁵ Occurs below as Bertram Caperon (=a hood).

⁶ The larger number after 1243 pledge 20s. to the bull and pay 3s.

⁷ There may be an initial torn away.

amittet xs. predictos et erit extra Gildam: non uenit et ideo extra Gildam⁺. [10 torn entries.]

[After Michaelmas 1248 7 torn entries. After Christmas 1249:] Rob. de Glen, Joh. de Clipston, *Ric. Mey¹, Ric. de Busseby, Hugo de Medilton, Hugo Aurifaber, Rog. de Coreby, Walt. de Kirkeby, Rob. de la Launde, *Will. Seman, *Joh. Combere, Hen. de Coventre (s. p.), Mic. de Luttirworth vaginarius², *Rob. fil. Benedicti, *Walt. Vrry, Rob. de Cnytton, Ric. Godesbest' de Glen, *Joh. fil. Ade, *Pet. de Scheynton, Hugo de Alnewick, *Rob. Petyt, *Paynus in Angulo, Will. de Cnapetoft, Hugo le Cunreur (currier), †Tho. de Copston³†, Rob. de Crumbwell (Cromwell, Notts.), *Joh. Bate de Rolleston.

[1250 after Easter.] *Herewardus de Roleya, Rob. de Diua marescallus, *Pet. Walrand, Ric. Edwine fil. Ricardi filii Ricardi filii Eadwine (s. p.), †Hen. Fadiray⁺, Will. de Benewicke (s. p.).

[1251 after Christmas.] Hugo Brun de Barkeby, *Pet. fil. Martini Cagge, Alex. fil. Martini de Rolleston (s. p.), Baudwinus de Bracina (of the brewery), Hugo de Schelton, *Tho. de Copston, Walrandus de Colton, Will. de Ilueston, *Sym. fil. Galfridi Blundi, Rad. de Stocton, Joh. de Copston, Petro filio Rogeri tunc Maiore⁴.

[1251 after Michaelmas, same Mayor.] Hugo de Brocton, *Rob. Clowe, *Alan. homo Willelmi le Gardiner, *Galf. Wybern⁵, *Walt. de Barkeby, *Tho. le hore (the hoary), Joh. de Ailiston, *Rad. fil. Helye, *Ric. fil. Walteri sub muro, Joh. de Misterton, Rog. de Thirneby, Iuo de Roleya, *Rob. Tropinel, Will. le cupere de Cotis, Tho. de Luttirwrthe, Rog. de Wateberewe, Rob. de Luteboru (Loughborough) fil. Johannis de Luteboru (s. p.).

Will. de Roleya homo Henrici Curluache intravit in Gildam; dedit pro introitu vis. quos Petrus filius Rogeri accepit et de Jacobo Motun xxvis.: scilicet de quodam panno⁶. (Alan de Derby enters.)

next Easter to dwell in Leicester he shall lose the foresaid 10s. and shall be outside of the Gild: he did not come and therefore is out of the Gild.

William of Rothley, Henry Curlevache's man, entered (etc.) paid 6s. for entrance, which Peter Roger's son took as well as from James Motun 26s. to wit of a certain cloth.

¹ He paid 3s. and this payment was made to Rob. Parser. [It now becomes clear that only strangers pay the bull. In future a * will distinguish those who pay only 3s. and nothing for the bull. Subsequent entries shew that these are persons native to Leicester who do not inherit seats.]

² Sheather, scabbard-maker.

³ cepit dilacionem intrandi post pascha.

⁴ On the v^o is a note "Princ' recept' maioritatis per dominum Comitem in medio prime pagine is[tius] cedule." The above is the first mention of a Mayor in a dated Leicester record.

⁵ O. E. Wigbeorn.

⁶ I.e. he took probably 26s. worth of cloth. The "pannus" contained 24 yards. (Thorold Rogers, *Prices*, I. 71.)

[After Christmas 1251, same mayor.] *Will. Spik fil. Ricardi furnarii, *Will. Yring, Galf. Spik fil. Ricardi furnarii, *Hen. fil. Willelmi textoris, Phil. de Glen, Will. de Kirkeby, *Rob. Mildus, *Joh. Page, *Joh. Loueles, Hugo fil. Andree le mercer (s. p.), *Rad. le potter, Tho. de Stanford (s. p.).

[After Easter 1252, same mayor, Joh. de Bellagraue enters.]

[v^o.] [After May 19, 1252.] Summa omnimodorum (*sic*) customarum in pane et vino pro communa Leycestrie in Itinere Justiciariorum a. r. r. Henrici XXXVI., scilicet post Pentecosten xiii*li*. xvs. ix*d*.

De receptis Henrici de Rodington de mutuo ante Natale domini anno XXXVI. viii*li*. xvis. iii*id*.

De Receptis Alexandri le Deboner de mutuo contra aduentum Justiciariorum, anno XXXVI., ix*li*. xvii*s*. viii*d*.

[r^o.] [On Wed. Aug. 28, 1252, Rob. de Thurmodeston (Thurmaston) enters. Next day:] Rog. de Sileby, Rob. de Scharneford, Will. de Swepston, Rog. de Thirneby fil. Roberti Clerici de Thirneby, *Hugo Cragewine.

[After Christmas 1252.] Osebertus de Keston, Rob. de Wytewik, Will. fil. Azonis Le ferur (s. p.), Ric. de Esfordeby, Will. Vintesisdeners², Will. de Queningburg.

[v^o.] [1252—3.] A. r. r. Henrici XXXVII. R(icardus) prepositus recepit vs. quos S. Blundus accomodauit ad pontagium redimendum³ et de Henrico Houhil vs. et de Ricardo filio clerici vs. et de Willelmo Le Massun iiis.

†Memorandum de denariis quos Petrus filius Rogeri accepit post

Sum of all kinds of customs in bread and wine for the Commune of Leicester at the Eyre of the Justices 36 Hen. III, to wit, after Whitsuntide £13. 15*s*. 9*d*.

From Henry of Ruddington's receipts for the loan before Christmas in the 36th year, £7. 16*s*. 4*d*.

From Alexander the Debonair's receipts for the loan against the coming of the Justices in the 36th year, £9. 17*s*. 8*d*.

37 Hen. III. Richard the Reeve received 5*s*. which S. the White lent for the redemption of Bridgesilver and from Henry Houhil 5*s*. and from Richard the clerk's son 5*s*. and from William the Mason 3*s*.

Memorandum concerning the moneys which Peter Roger's son received

¹ The notes entered at haphazard on the backs of the rolls will be inserted in chronological order.

² s. p. et dedit, pro x*ld*. quos pater suus debuit de introitu suo, ii*s*.

³ See the charter No. XXII. above.

Natale Domini a. r. r. Henrici XXXVII. scilicet de Rogero de Sileby, et Roberto socio suo, xviii. : vnde xviis. sunt de Introitu eorundem in Gildam et reliquos xii*d.* dictus Robertus dedit ad redempcionem Gouilpennis et pontagii. Item de Roberto de Thurmodestone vis. viii*d.* de Introitu suo in gildam. Item idem P(etrus) pretereā post festum S. Nicholai a. r. r. Henrici XXXVIII. recepit de Roberto de Thurmodestone Juniore vis. viii*d.* de Introitu suo in Gildam†.

[r^o.] [After Dec. 6, 1253. Ingramus Carnifex, Rog. de Bradegate, enter.]

[v^o.] [Dec. 10, 1253.] Memorandum, quod die mercurii proxima post festum S. Nicholai, a. r. r. Henrici XXXVIII. Hen. Houhil conqueritur de Johanne Dodeman quod iniuste et in despectu commune Gilde detinet sibi vii. vlnas de vno nigro Russeto, vnde noluit habere dampnum et pu(dorem) pro dim. marc.: plegii dicti Henrici de proseguendo: Pet. Blundus et Nic. Burgensis: predictus J(ohannes) totam querelam dicti Henrici expresse negavit et inuadiauit ei vnam legem: plegii dicti Johannis:—Will. Morker, Will. Baudewine; et assignatur dies de lege facienda, die martis proxima post dominicam septuagesime. Item dilata est illa lex usque in diem Jouis proximo sequentem et si interim concordentur saluetur Jus Gilde. Item dictus Johannes fecit legem suam cum manu propria et cum

after Christmas, 37 Hen. III., to wit from Roger of Sileby and Robert his fellow, 18*s.*; 17*s.* thereof are for their entry into the Gild and the remaining 1*s.* the said Robert gave for the redemption of Gavelpence and Bridgesilver. Item from Robert of Thurmaston 6*s.* 8*d.* for his entry into the gild. Item, the said Peter received also after the feast of St Nicholas (Dec. 6.) 38 Hen. III. from Robert of Thurmaston Junior 6*s.* 8*d.* for his entry into the Gild.

Memorandum that on Wednesday next after the feast of St Nicholas, 38 Hen. III. Henry Houhil makes plaint against John Dodeman that he detains from him unjustly and in despite of the Commune of the Gild seven yards of a black russet cloth: whereof he will not have the damage and shame for 6*s.* 8*d.* Pledges of the said Henry to prosecute: Peter the White and Nicholas the Burgess: the aforesaid John has expressly denied the whole charge of the said Henry, and warged him a law¹: pledges of the said John: William Morker, William Baldwin; and a day is assigned for the making of law, Tuesday next after Septuagesima Sunday. Item, that law is delayed till the Thursday next following, and if they agree in the meanwhile Gild Law is saved. Item, the said John made his law with his own hand

¹ An oath of compurgation; in this case as appears below an oath taken sitting between two compurgators.

Willelmo Morker et cum Willelmo de Benewik : dictus Henricus in misericordia. Plegii : (named).

[r^o.] [After Christmas 1253.] Galf. stabularius intravit (etc.) fecit finem pro iiiis.¹ et per petitionem Petri filii Rogeri maioris Leycestrie remittebantur sibi iis. et reliquos iis. soluit.

*Will. Iring fil. Willelmi Iring, Alex. de Rolleston fil. Martini filii Rogeri (s. p.), Joh. Cruke fil. Hugonis Cruke (s. p.), *Pet. fil. Abrahe de Cestria, Ric. de Wiluby, Walt. de Barnesby (Barsby), Rob. de Swithelond, *Simon Sixantwenti, Joh. de Hawethyrne, Rad. de Carleton fil. Willelmi filii Henrici de Carleton (s. p.), *Rad. fil. Radulphi filii Gilberti, Hen. in le dyk², Will. le chat³ fil. Roberti le chat, Hugo de Blaby, Galf. le turnur, *Nic. le Schabiner (the reeve), Ric. Fatteneye de Tilton, Joh. de Endredeby, *Will. fil. Johannis Aldith, Will. cum barba fil. Willelmi cum barba (s. p.), Rob. Faber fil. Henrici fabri (s. p.).

[After Christmas 1254.] Jordanus fil. Roberti Brid de Outheby, Hen. Costeyn (fil. Henrici Costeyn) (s. p.), Rob. Mey de Blaby, *Galf. sub muro fil. Walteri sub muro ; Rob. Vrry intravit etc. fecit finem de introitu pro iiis. sed maior condonavit ei ad preces N. Decani xiid. et soluit residuum (etc.). *Ric. ad lacum, Hugo Knyt de Thurmonst[on], *Walt. fil. Ricardi le quareur (the quarryman), Rog. de Durantistorp, Adam de Welton tinctor, Hen. de Louseby, Pet. de Lindon, Daudid de Scrapetoft, Will. de Derby, Alex. de Segraua, *Joh. Le Paumer fil. Willelmi le paumer, Joh. de Knytton.

[v^o.] [After Christmas 1254.] Memorandum de hominibus qui intrauerunt in G. M. Leycestrie post Natale Domini a. r. r. Henrici

and with Will. Morker and with Will. of Benwick : the said Henry is in mercy⁴. Pledges :

Geoffrey the ostler entered...made fine for 4s. and at the petition of Peter Roger's son, Mayor of Leicester, 2s. were excused to him, and he has paid the other 2s.

Robert Hurry entered (etc.): he made fine of entrance for 3s., but the Mayor has pardoned him 1s. at the prayer of N. the Dean and he has paid the rest.

Memorandum about the men who entered the Gild of Merchants of

¹ Strangers as a rule pledge £1 and a bull (vnum taurum) and make fine in most cases for 6s. 8d.

² In the fosse. See "in fossato," p. 62.

³ A nickname.

⁴ Liable to an amercement assessed by the Gild. Mercy will be used as the translation below. Cf. the note to this word in Stevenson's *Nottingham*, II 466.

XXXIX. Petro filio Rogeri existente maiore, et debent taurum. [34 persons owing one bull each¹.]

David de Scrapetoft perdonatur per communam gilde. Will. de Tokeby *xld. q^t* pro frumento ad uillam.

Will. le Spicer de Scheyle...tempore Bartholomei custodis maioritatis.

[v^o.] [Jan. 21, 1254.] Memorandum quod die mercurii proxima ante conuersionem S. Pauli a. r. r. Henrici XXXVIII., Rogerus Aldith filius Johannis [accupatus] quia per duas uices deliquit contra communam gilde, scilicet, quia fecit unum Blanketum, et fuit in prima parte *bona trama* (bonum stagmen)² et alibi in locis pluribus debilis *trama* (stagmen), et iterum quia fecit consueri³ unum pannum vermilionem debilem et vilem ad alium vermilionem bonum apud Lennam; iurauit quod decetero non delinquet contra Gildam, et quod si fuerit iterum conuictus super aliqua infidelitate siue super aliqua transgressionem contra communam Gilde, amittet Gildam: et inuadiauit unam cuuatam ceruisie et prius (*sic*) aliam propter primum defectum: et taxantur nomine ammerciamenti *visol. viiij. d.*: plegii (named) et soluuntur et q^t. Item predictus Rogerus Aldith tertio conuictus

Leicester after Christmas, 39 Hen. III., Peter Roger's son being Mayor: and they owe the bull.

David of Scraftoft is pardoned by the Commune of the Gild.

William of Tugby *3s. 4d.*: quit for wheat for the town⁴.

William the Spicer of Shelford (? Notts.)...in the time of Bartholomew, guardian of the mayoralty.

Memorandum that on Wednesday next before the Conversion of St Paul, 38 Hen. III., Roger Aldith John's son (was charged) because he twice offended against the commune of the gild: to wit in that he made a blanket and it was in the first part of good woof (good warp) and elsewhere in many places of bad woof (warp)⁵ and again because he caused a poor and bad vermilion cloth to be sewed to another good vermilion cloth, at Lynn: he swore that in future he will not offend against the Gild and that if he should be convicted again for any infidelity or for any trespass against the commune of the gild, he will lose the Gild: and he pledged a cask of ale⁶ and before that another because of the first default: and they are rated under the name of amercement at *6s. 8d.*: pledges (two): and they are paid and quit. The

¹ Included on the recto.

² Corrected thus in MS. Cf. Wright-Wülcker 696. 20 Stamen a warpe, trama a wefte.

³ Written consuere.

⁴ I.e. for the wheat he provided for the use of the town, taxed in kind. Frumentum is thrashed grain, free of all impurities.

⁵ On woof and warp regulations see Riley's *Munimenta Gildhallæ*, II. 2, p. 550.

⁶ On the reasons for translating "ale" rather than "beer" see *Liber Albus*, p. lxi, but cf. *Memorials of London*, p. 666.

super quodam panno vermilion facta contra Gildam, scilicet, cum debiliori et viliori trama in medio quam uersus extremitates, et cum alio panno vermilion super quem consuerat unam listam¹ contra Gildam; abiudicatus fuit a Gilda et segregatus a communitate Gilde a. r. r. Henrici XL. tertio.

Will. de Ailestone accupatus quod pluries vendidit per pondus et stateram lanam hominum de Hinkele et Couentria contra communam Gilde: Inuadiauit lxs.: Ita, scilicet, quod dabit nunc vis. viiid. et residuum ponitur in respectu: et abiurauit huiusmodi transgressionem, et si de cetero convincatur super aliqua² transgressionem huiusmodi³ contra communam Gilde⁴, amittet omnimodam marcandisam Gilde per 1 annum et unum diem: plegii (2 named) et inde allocantur eidem Willelmo iiis. quos accomodavit ad redempcionem pontagii et debet xliiiid., vnde pacauit nunc Henrico de Rodington xxiiid. et pacabit ad sedem post pascha commune Gilde xxiiid.: soluit et quietatur.

Rob. de Kent accupatus quod vendidit per pondus et stateram lanam extraneorum contra communam Gilde: confessus est hoc verum esse, et abiurauit huiusmodi transgressionem in forma eadem qua et predictus Will. de Aileston. (And another similarly.)

aforesaid Roger Aldith was convicted a third time concerning a certain vermilion cloth made against Gild (rules), to wit with the woof in the middle poorer and worse than at the ends, together with another vermilion cloth on which he had sewed a border contrary to Gild (rule). He was cut off from the Gild and separated from the community of the Gild, 43 Hen. III.

William of Aylestone charged that many times he sold the wool of the men of Hinckley and Coventry by weight and scale⁵ against the commune of the Gild. He pledged 6os., to wit so that he will give 6s. 8d. now and the rest is put in respite: and he abjured trespass of this kind, and if he be again convicted of any trespass of this sort against the commune of the Gild, he shall lose every kind of Gild trade for a year and a day: pledges (named): and thereof 3s. are allowed to the said William, which he lent for the redemption of Bridgesilver, and he owes 3s. 8d. of which he paid to Henry of Ruddington now 1s. 10d., and he will pay at the sitting of the commune of the Gild after Easter 1s. 10d. He paid and is quit.

Robert of Kent charged that he sold the wool of strangers by weight and scale⁵ against the commune of the Gild: he confessed this to be true, and forswore trespass of this sort in the same form as the aforesaid William of Aylestone.

¹ Selvage, list. ? An edged or bordered cloth.

² Aliqua scratched out.

³ Huiusmodi written above the line.

⁴ Here follows scratched out "pacabit totum residuum predictorum lxs. Plegii (named)."

⁵ The woolbeam or the steelyard; the meaning probably is that he sold wholesale.

[v^o.] [Feb. 17, 1254.] Item Hen. Houhil die martis proxima ante festum S. Petri in Cathedra posuit vadium et plegium inuenit ad satisfaciendum infra quindenam Willelmo Morker de xiiiis. : plegii (named).

[v^o.] [Feb. 27, 1254.] Memorandum quod ista debita remanserunt exigenda de arreragiis debitis communi(tati) die Veneris proxima post festum S. Mathie Apostoli a. r. r. Henrici XXXVIII.

[Mar. 3, 1255.] Memorandum quod die mercurii proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli, a. g. M^o.CC^o.L^o. quarto, Petro filio Rogeri existente maiore, Andreas filius Galfridi de Honecot in pleno morespechio concessit et quiete clamauit in perpetuum Henrico de Rodington et heredibus suis, omnes redditus qui ad Amiciam, matrem ipsius A(ndree) descenderunt iure hereditario, ex parte Roberti filii Henrici patris ipsius Amicie in Leycestria.

[r^o.] [After Easter 1255 *Walter Dodeman entered, and after Christmas: Peter Roger's son being Mayor, Simon le mustarder pledged 20s. and the bull; the bull pardoned to him by all the commune of the gild at the mayor's request. Rog. de Wiluby, Hen. de Wytewike entered.]

Will. le Mercer de Sileby intravit (etc): fecit finem de xxs. pro dim. marc. quam soluit Petro filio Rogeri maiori de expensis factis apud London', et est ista prima allocatio eidem Petro facta de expensis prememoratis. Joh. pictor de Eboraco, *Will. Mey filius Johannis Mey, *Rog. Kide, Will. fil. Gilberti le Rus (s. p.), Hen. Cusin, *Joh. fil. Willelmi Sturdi entered.

Item Henry Houhil on Tuesday next before the feast of St Peter's Chair deposited gage and found pledge to make satisfaction within a fortnight to William Morker for 14s: pledges (named).

Memorandum that these debts remained to be exacted from the arrears due to the community on Friday next after the feast of St Matthias, Apostle, 38 Hen. III.

Memorandum that on Wednesday next after the feast of St Matthias, Apostle, 1254 A.D., Peter Roger's son being Mayor, Andrew son of Geoffrey of Huncote, in full Morningspeech, granted and quitclaimed for ever to Henry of Ruddington and his heirs all the rents which descended by hereditary right to Amicia, mother of the said Andrew, on the part of Robert Henry's son, father of the said Amicia, in Leicester.

William the Mercer of Sileby entered, etc., he made fine for 20s. by the 6s. 8d. which he paid to Peter Roger's son, Mayor, for expenses incurred at London, and this first allowance to the said Peter is made for expenses aforementioned. John the Painter of York entered (etc.).

[v^o.] [March 2, 1256.] Rogerus de Keten die Jovis in crastino diei cinerum a. r. r. Henrici XL., conuictus quod fullauit pannos coloratos Henrici Houhil et Galfridi Stabularii in Glire¹ et fecibus² contra consuetudinem prouisam et constitutam duobus annis elapsis decetero tenendam et per sacramentum ipsius et omnium aliorum magistrorum fullonum Leycestrie concessam. Inuadiauit misericordiam. Plegii (3).

[v^o.] [Feb. 6, 1257.] De denariis inuentis in Bursa Gilde die martis proxima post purificationem beate Marie a. r. r. Henrici XLI. xxs. iiiob.

Item de denariis debitis per illos qui prius intrauerunt in Gildam, preter tauros xxxis. viiid.

†[Feb. 5, 1257.] De expensis et misis Communitatis Leycestrie a festo S. Agathe a. r. r. Henrici XL primo, Bartholomeo de Done-staple custode maioritatis Leycestrie.

[Feb. 9, 1257.] Iseude le Turnur pro arreragio seruicii mesuagii communitatis Gilde die veneris proxima post festum S. Agathe xixd.

Ricardo de Kirkeby qui fuit ex parte communitatis pro carta Domini Regis ad primogenitos Leycestrie faciendum heredes vid.†

Roger of Ketton convicted on Thursday the morrow of Ash Wednesday 40 Hen. III. that he fulled the coloured cloths of Henry Houhil and Geoffrey the Ostler in clay (?) and lye (?) against the custom provided and appointed two years ago to be held in future and agreed to by his own oath and (by the oath) of all the other master-fullers of Leicester. He pledged mercy³. Pledges (3).

Of moneys found in the Gild purse Tuesday next after Candiemas, 41 Hen. III., 20s. 1½d.

Item of moneys due from those who previously entered the gild, besides the bulls, £1. 11s. 8d.

Concerning the expenses and outlayings of the Community of Leicester from St Agatha's day 41 Hen. III., Bartholomew of Dunstable being guardian of the Mayoralty of Leicester.

To Isolda the Turner for arrears of the service of the messuage belonging to the community of the Gild, on Friday next after the feast of St Agatha, 1s. 7d.

To Richard of Kirby who acted on behalf of the community for the charter of the Lord King, to make the firstborn of Leicester heirs⁴, 6d.

¹ ? argol (tartar), see note 2 p. 89; or *sic* for Glite, see the rhyme on the three forms of the word Glis in Ducange. The word glis, glitis, is *terra tenax*; the offence may be that some inferior substitute for fuller's earth was used.

² See *Prompt. Parv.* s. v. "Wyne dreggys or lye," explained as argol or tartar, the concrete salt deposited by wine in casks, much employed in dyeing; a chemist informs me that argol is chiefly tartrate of potash and is strongly acid. It could not be used as a substitute for alkali. Cf. *Norf. and Nor. Naturalists' Soc. Trans.* v. 153, quoted by Hudson.

³ I.e. found security for the payment of amercement.

⁴ See charter xxiii.

[1^o.] [Feb. 6, 1257.] Morespechio tento die martis proxima post purificacionem beate Marie a. r. r. Henrici XL. primo: Bartholomeo de Donestaple custode maioritatis: Gregorius Makepays acoupatus quod contra Libertatem et consuetudinem Gilde brochiauuit super Tentorium duo Russeta Alexandri Dulger et ad Nundinas duxit: diffitebatur, et dixit quod illa Russeta emit musta et illa brochiauuit et ad Nundinas duxit sicut sua propria et secundum consuetudinem Gilde, et ad hoc inuadiauuit vnam legem: plegii Legis faciente: Phil. Leueriz, et Nic. Le Burgeys: et tunc sedit inter Jacobum Motun, et Nicholaum Le Burgeys.

Will. de Barkeby de Neuton inuentus emens vi. pelles laneas in Leycestria: dixit se esse in Gilda mercatoria †et hoc fuit per aliquos attestatum‡: et pelles arestate fuerunt et in morespechio prolate, dicto Willelmo ibidem presente. Et per communitatem Gilde adiudicatum fuit quod quamuis esset in Gilda non potest exercere marcandisas Gilde nisi redeat ad Leycestriam et ibidem maneat et cum aliis de Gilda pondus ferat et respondeat †et quia predictas pelles illicite et contra Gilde Libertates et consuetudines emit, inuadiauuit

At the Morningspeech held on Tuesday next after Candlemas 41 Hen. III., Bartholomew of Dunstable being guardian of the Mayoralty: Gregory Makepeace charged that against the liberty and custom of the gild he fastened¹ upon the tenter² two russet cloths belonging to Alexander Dulger and took them to the fair: he denied the charge and said that he bought those russets new and calendered them and took them to the fair as his own and according to the custom of the gild, and to this he pledged a law. Pledges of making the law: Phil. Leveriz and Nic. the Burgess, and then he sat between James Motun and Nicholas the Burgess³.

William of Barkby of Newton found buying six woolfells in Leicester: he said he was in the Gild Merchant, and this was attested by others; and the fells were attached⁴ and shewn in the Morningspeech, the said William being there present. And it was adjudged by the community of the Gild that, though he were in the Gild, he cannot practise Gild trade unless he return to Leicester and live there and bear the burden and answer with others of the Gild: and because he bought the said fells unlawfully and against Gild

¹ The word may be used for "broaching," "broking," selling by retail, or for embroidering, sewing with large stitches (Cotgrave), or to brush or dress the nap of cloth with teazles, or, as Mr Hubert Hall has suggested to me, to roll upon a spit, spindle or roller. The term spit or broche was in use for the roller on which yarn was rolled. The sense may perhaps be "calendered," or pressed between rollers, to smooth the cloth and give it a gloss. See p. 96.

² The tenter was the frame on which cloth was stretched by means of hooks (cf. our use of the "tenter-hooks"). The rules about the use of the tenter were strict, see below and cf. Statute of 4 Ed. IV. c. 1.

³ That is they were his compurgators.

⁴ I.e. seized.

misericordiam†, et dicte pelles reman(ent) in custodia Ricardi prepositi.

[Feb. 7, 1257.] Morespechio tento die mercurii proximo sequente: Alex. Le deboner attornato predicti Bartholomei.

Ric. Curteys filius Roberti le parcheminer intrauit (etc.): soluit totum et facta fuit illa solucio Ricardo Caylewey per manum Jacobi Motun: scilicet de denariis quos idem Ric. Caylewey accomodauit Alexandro Le deboner et Radulfo Sabyn ad expensas suas apud Odiham¹ ex parte communitatis Leycestrie.

[r^o.] [Feb. 8, 1257.] Morespechio tento die Jouis proximo sequente, Alexandro Le debonner attornato predicti Bartholomei, Will. Le spicer de Scheyle intrauit (etc.).

Gregorius Makepays venit †et recognouit se dicta Russeta brochiasse† et dixit quod noluit facere legem quam inuadiauit predicto die martis, scilicet de accupamento duorum Russetorum qui fuerunt Alexandri Dulger: et inuadiauit misericordiam: plegii (2 named).

[Feb. 28, 1257.] Morespechio tento die Mercurii proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli a. r. r. Henrici XLI^o. Alexandro (etc.). Hen. de Thwerkiston intrauit (etc.) fecit finem pro vs.: soluit iis.

liberties and customs, he pledged mercy and the said fells remain in the custody of Richard the reeve.

At the Morningspeech held on Wednesday next following: Alexander the Debonair being the said Bartholomew (of Dunstable's) attorney:

Richard the Courteous son of Robert the parchment-maker entered (etc.): he paid all, and this payment was made to Richard Caylewey by the hand of James Motun: to wit for money which the said Richard Caylewey lent to Alexander the Debonair and Ralph Sabyn for their expenses at Odiham¹ on behalf of the community of Leicester.

At the Morningspeech held on Thursday next following, Alexander the Debonair (as above), William the Spicer of Shelford (?) entered (etc.).

Gregory Makepeace came and confessed that he had calendered (?)² the said russet cloths, and he said that he would not make the law which he pledged on the aforesaid Tuesday, to wit on the charge concerning two russets belonging to Alexander Dulger, and he pledged mercy: two pledges.

At the Morningspeech held on Wednesday next after the feast of St Matthias, Apostle, 41 Hen. III., Alexander (as above), Henry of Twarkeston³ entered...made fine for 5s.; paid 2s. 6d. and will pay the rest at the first

¹ The castle of Odiham, Hants, belonged to Simon de Montfort. In 1258 he resigned it to Henry III. Matt. Paris v. 697.

² See note 1 p. 72.

³ Derbyshire. Probably not Thurcaston (Thurcitelston).

vid. et soluet residuum ad primam sedem post pascha: plegius Joh. Wineger: Ita quod nisi tunc faciat solucionem iis. et *vid.* prima solucio amittatur: et vltimos iis. *vid.* soluit Alexandro Le deboner pro vno equo allocato de liberatione Griffyn versus London per ii. vices, pro iiis.: item recepit de bursa Gilde *vid.* et sic quietatur communitas Gilde de allocacione dicti equi.

[Mar. 1, 1257.] Morespechio tento die Jouis proximo sequente Alexandro Le Deboner (etc.). * Will. Tebbe, Ric. rotarius fil. Johannis rotarii (s. p.), Joh. Folebarbe fil. Symonis Folebarbe (s. p.).

Eodem die communiter fuit prouisum et concessum, quod mercatores Leycestrie, qui cum draperia accesserint ad Nundinas Stanford, proximo futuras, tenebunt illas schopas ibidem, que solite sunt teneri per mercatores Leycestrie. Ita, scilicet, quod pro quolibet panno quem ibidem habebunt, dabunt pro seldagio *iiid.* et pro quolibet panno, quem habebunt in dictis Nundinis, extra schopas prememoratas, dabunt *vid.* Et totum residuum adquietabitur ex communi Bursa Gilde: vnde Willelmus Morker recepit *xxsol.*, scilicet, de Tallagio facto ad faciendum primogenitos heredes¹.

[Mar. 2, 1257.] [Will. de Blaby son of Richard Blaby enters.] Morespechio tento die veneris continue sequente, scilicet die sancti Cedde: Alexandro le Deboner (etc.). Rob. Le roer filius Rogeri molendinarii habet sedem Rogeri patris sui.

sitting after Easter. Pledge, John Wineger: so that unless he make the payment of *2s. 6d.* let him lose his first payment; and the last *2s. 6d.* he paid to Alexander the Debonair for a horse allowed in Griffin's payment for going to London twice, at *3s.* He received from the Gild purse *6d.* and so the community of the Gild is quit of the hire for the said horse.

At the Morningspeech held on Thursday next following, Alexander the Debonair (as above).

On the same day it was provided and agreed in common that the merchants of Leicester who should go with drapery (cloth) to Stamford fair next ensuing, shall keep those shops there which the merchants of Leicester are accustomed to keep: to wit so that for each piece of cloth which they shall have there they shall give *3d.* for seldage², and for each piece of cloth which they shall have at the said fair outside the aforesaid shops, they shall give *6d.* And all the rest shall be paid for out of the common gild purse: thence William Morker received *£1*, to wit for the tallage made to make the first-born heirs.

At the Morningspeech held on Friday next following, to wit St Chad's day, Alexander the Debonair (as above), Robert the Wheeler, son of Roger the Miller, has the seat of Roger his father.

¹ See charter granted 1255.

² Payment for the use of the seldae or warehouses.

[Aug. 8, 1257.] Morespechio tento die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Laurencii a. r. r. Henrici XL^o. primo. Symon de Hocton intrauit Gildam et uadiauit *xxsol.* et fecit finem pro dim. marc. pacanda die dominica proxima sequente pro tauro et pro toto: plegii (2 named): et fuit ipsa dim. marc. soluta Ricardo de Campeden pro dim. marc. quam idem Ric. accomodauerat ex parte communitatis Leycestrie ad expensas Alexandri le debonner et Radulfi Sabyn, versus dominum comitem pro eleccione maioris.

Hugo de la Chaunbre intrauit (etc.) et habet sedem H. patris sui: fecit finem pro *iiisol.* et dictus Alex. le debonere condonauit ei *xii*d**. etc.

[Aug. 14, 1257.] Morespechio tento die martis in vigilia assumptionis beate Marie a. r. r. Henrici XL. primo. Will. de Nauesby intrauit (etc.), fecit finem pro *vsol.* (etc.) et soluit ipsos *vs.* Alexandro le deboner pro equo Rogeri Tichinne acquietando, qui pro communitate Leycestrie fuit arestatus apud sanctum Botulfum, pro seldagio.

Will. de Threngeston pistor intravit (etc.). Plegii, Nic. vicarius Ecclesie S. Nicholai et Hugo de Derby.

[Aug. 17, 1257, Joh. de Peteling (s. p.).]

[Jan. 23, 1258.]...die Mercurii in crastino diei sancti Vincencii Martiris, anno r. r. Henrici filii Regis Johannis XL^o. secundo: tunc incipiente tempore quo Henricus de Rodington recepit maioritatem Leycestrie per dominum Comitem. (Rob. de Eston, aurifaber, enters.)

At the Morningspeech held on Wednesday next before the feast of St Laurence 41 Hen. III. Simon of Hoton entered the Gild and pledged 20s. and made fine for half a mark to be paid on Sunday next following for the bull and for all. Pledges named. And that half mark was paid to Richard of Campeden for the half mark which the said Richard had lent on the community of Leicester's behalf for the expenses of Alexander the Debonair and Ralph Sabyn (going) to the Lord Earl for the election of the Mayor.

Hugh of the Chamber entered (etc.) and has his father H.'s seat; he made fine for 3s. and the said Alexander the Debonair pardoned him 1s. (etc.).

At the Morningspeech held on Tuesday the eve of the Assumption of the Virgin, 41 Hen. III., William of Naneby¹ entered (etc.), made fine for 5s. (etc.) and paid the said 5s. to Alexander the Debonair in order to pay for Roger Tichinne's horse, which was attached at Boston for the community of Leicester for seldage due.

William of Thringstone, baker, entered (etc.). Pledges, Nicholas vicar of St Nicholas' and Hugh of Derby.

On Wednesday the morrow of St Vincent the martyr's day, 42 Hen. III., the time then beginning when Henry of Ruddington received the mayoralty of Leicester through the Lord Earl.

¹ Hamlet of Market Bosworth, see Curtis, *Topographical History of Leicestershire*.

[Thurs. Jan. 24, 1258, Joh. de Seynlo, Pet. fil. Yuonis aurifabri (s. p.); on the following Wednesday Jan. 30, 1258, *Joh. fil. Petri le Teler (tiler), Rad. de Belegraua, pistor.]

[Jan. 30, 1258.] Eodem die Hen. de Louseby se obligavit sub pena unius cuate ceruisie ad soluendum ante secundam Dominicam quadragesime proximo sequentis iis. *vid.*, in quibus superius tenetur de suo Introitu, etc. (Will. Chelun, pistor, enters.) [Feb. 5, 1258, Tuesday.] *Tho. de Blanke fil. Petri de Blanke filii Ricardi de Blanke enters. [Wed. May 15.] Henrico de Rodington maiore, then enter *Alanus Parser fil. Roberti Parser, Rog. Blundus fil. Johannis Blundus (s. p.), Rob. Sele de Eboraco, Walt. le cotiler de Eboraco, Will. Hose (s. p.), (son of Ralph Hose), *Will. Tabur, *Alan. fil. Ricardi le Gardiner. [May 17.] Joh. de Wikingiston, *Joh. Galeys. [Tues. May 21.] *Alex. Persun le Tayllur, Walt. pistor de Barkeby.

[v^o.] [1257—8.] A. r. r. Henrici XL. secundo¹ ita fuit prouisum : Item, isti sunt electi per commune consilium Gilde ad veniendum ad omnes summoniciones aldermanni ad omnia consilia communitatis Gilde si sint (in) villa et quilibet eorum istam prouisionem fideliter seruabit, et si quis eorum contra eandem prouisionem venerit, scilicet si fuerit in villa et fuerit summonitus et non venerit ad summonicionem, dabit ad quamlibet defaltam, quam ita fecerit, *vid.* nomine ammercia-menti sine remedio.

Hen. de Rodington Aldermannus², †Pet. fil. Rogeri, Ric. de Campeden†, Alex. le debonner, Hen. Leffe, Jac. Motun, Symon Wibern, †Sym. de Cotes, Galf. Curlevache, Hen. Curlevache†, Nic. Burgeys, †Hen. Houhil†, Ric. Curteis, †Ric. fil. clerici†, Will. de Blaby, Rob. le Taylur, †Hugo de Derby†, Joh. Wineger, Will. le

On that day Henry of Loseby pledged himself under penalty of a cask of ale to pay before the second Sunday of Lent next following 2s. 6d., which is due from him as above for his entrance.

In 42 Hen. III. it was thus provided. These are chosen by the common counsel of the Gild to come at all summonses of the Alderman to all councils of the community of the Gild, if they are in the town, and each of them shall faithfully follow this rule, and if any of them should contravene this rule, to wit if he should be in the town and should be summoned and not come at the summons, he shall give for every default which he so shall have made, 6d., under the name of amercement, without remedy.

Henry of Ruddington, Alderman (etc. as above, 48 names, of which 13 are deleted).

¹ Over is written L secundo.

² It appears that he is now Mayor of the town and Alderman of the Gild.

Waleys, Pet. Blundus, †Joh. Dodeman, Will. Morker†, Rad. de Couentria, †Ric. de Scheltone, Phil. Leveriz, Joh. fil. Roberti†, Will. Iring, Ric. de Blaby, Helias de Wilie, Rob. de Scharneford, Will. Prudfot, Will. Leffe, Rog. de Sileby, Pet. Keling, Will. Tabur, Will. Baudewine. Andreas de Wateberg, Alanus de Humbirstan, Wil. Maheu, Ric. de Merkingfeld, Bertramus Le Cruze, Wil. Sixandtwenti, Mathias Fode, Rad. Sabyn, Hen. de Louseby, Ric. sub muro, Nic. filius Martini, Mathias Fode.

Isti venerunt contra predictam prouisionem, factam seruandam et tenendam in predictis nundinis Stanford' et ideo quilibet eorum adquietabit vnam schopam. [Six names with their pledges, each pays 2s. and the rest is pardoned.]

Item isti subscripti venerunt contra predictam prouisionem in Nundinis S. Botulphi et inde accupati sunt per maiorem: quere superius amerciamenta: Galf. Curleuache cum lana sua. Inuadiauit misericordiam [and five others].

Jac. Motun recepit de quodam panno qui fuit Rogeri Aldith et fuit factus contra assisam Gilde, viii^{sol.}, et dictus Rogerus dedit ipsos viiis. ad communitatem Gilde, scilicet ad aquietationem seldagii Stanford', a. r. r. Henrici XL^o. secundo, et soluuntur ad dictum seldagium. Ita quod dictus Jacobus inde quietus est, et ita quod dictus Rogerus inde nichil exigere poterit.

[v^o.] [Mar. 1, 1258.] De denariis expensis pro communitate Gilde a tempore quo Henricus de Rodington recepit curam maioritatis

The following contravened the aforesaid provision, made to be followed and kept in the said Stamford fair, and therefore each of them shall discharge one shop¹.

These underwritten contravened the said provision in Boston fair and are accused thereof by the mayor: seek their amercements above: Geoff. Curlevache with his wool. He pledged mercy.

James Motun received 8s. for a certain cloth which was Roger Aldith's and was made against the assize of the Gild, and the said Roger gave these 8s. to the community of the Gild, to wit for the discharge of the Stamford seldage, 42 Hen. III., and they are paid towards the said seldage. So that the said James is quit thereof and so that the said Roger shall be able to exact nothing thereof.

Of money spent for the community of the Gild from the time when Henry of Ruddington received the care of the mayoralty of Leicester, to wit from Friday next after the Feast of St Matthias, Apostle, 42 Hen. III.

¹ ? make the full payment of one booth.

Leycestrie scilicet a die veneris proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli a. r. r. Henrici XL^o. secundo.

In vino misso ad Dominam comitissam et ad Gilbertum de Prestone Justiciarium xiiis. viiid. In pane xlvd. q^a. In aquietacione seldagii apud Stanford' anno eodem, xxviiiis. In portagio, viiid. In reparacione campane Gilde, iiid. Item Willelmo clerico prepositi pro scriptura cuiusdam veredicti per Inquisitionem factam per Dominum Robertum Walrand Justiciarium domini Regis, xiid.

Hugo ad Solerium, quia percussit Rogerum Aldith, in Nundinis de S. Botulpho, quamuis hoc fecit se defendendo, inuadiauit i cuuatam ceruisie: plegii (named): americiatur inde superius.

Rog. Aldith eadem de causa, scilicet quia percussit Hugonem predictum, inuadiauit i cuuatam ceruisie: plegii (named): ponitur in respectu, sed exigatur.

Will. Sturdi conqueritur de Johanne Folebarbe, quod ad dampnum et (*sic*) suum et pudorem et in despectu Gilde vetuit illi Lot de pisce, vnde communitas fuit deteriorata, quo ad despectum per i cuuatam ceruisie et quod ipse inde noluit habere dampnum et pudorem pro *vs*.

In wine sent to the Lady Countess¹ and to Gilbert of Preston Justiciar 13s. 8d. In bread 3s. 9½d. In discharge of seldage at Stamford in the same year 28s. In portorage² 8d. In repairing the Gild bell 3d. Item to William, clerk of the reeve, for the writing of a certain verdict, by inquest made by Sir Robert Walrond, Justiciar of the Lord King, 1s.

Hugh at the Solar³, because he struck Roger Aldith at Boston Fair, although he did this in self-defence, pledged one cask of ale: pledges (named): he is amerced therefor above.

Roger Aldith for the same reason, to wit because he struck the aforesaid Hugh, pledged a cask of ale: pledges (named): it is put in respite, but let it be exacted.

Will. Sturdy makes plaint against John Folebarbe that to his damage and dishonour and in despite of the Gild he refused to him a "lot"⁴ of fish, whereby the community was damaged, as to the contempt, one cask of ale, and, in that he would not have the damage and dishonour, for 5s.

¹ Eleanor. On her accounts see Botfield in *Roxburghe Club Publications*, 1841.

² Sometimes for payment at the gate of a town.

³ An upper room.

⁴ Right of a merchant to go shares in a bargain at the making of which he was present. The refusal of the "part" or "lot" is one of the commonest of Gild pleas in the later rolls. For illustrations from other towns see Gross, *Gild Merchant* i. 49, and Maitland, *Manorial Pleas*, Selden Society, i. 136.

Dictus J(ohannes) negavit totum verbo ad verbum et inde inuadiauit ei 1 legem: unde dictus J(ohannes) exiit et rediens assidebat inter Nicholaum filium Vmfridi et Galfridum de Notingham qui illum adiuuarent ad legem faciendam. Et dictus Johannes nolens legem facere inuadiauit 1 cuuatam ceruisie, plegii (two), et inuadiauit dicto Willelmo suum craft: plegii [two], dum ipsa sedes durat scilicet post purificationem a. r. r. Henrici XL^o. tertio: et idem Johannes inde americiatur superius. (*Rob. Petyt junior enters.)

[v^o.] [Mar. 1, 1258.] Memorandum quod die veneris proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli a. r. r. Henrici XL. secundo, Henrico de Rodintone existente maiore; In pleno morespechio per totam communitatem Gilde fuit prouisum et concessum: quod omnes mercatores Leycestrie, qui, tempore Nundinarum Stanford' proximo sequencium, venient ad Stanford', cum panno seu lana seu cum pellibus, easdem marcandisas facient cariari ad schopas quibus solite sunt teneri marcandise Leycestrie, et ibidem facient easdem marcandisas decariari et aperiri, in presencia vicinorum, et easdem marcandisas preter pelles ibidem tenebunt ad minus per vnum diem et vnam noctem et si voluerint ipsas marcandisas alibi mouere, bene poterunt et sine occasione eas portare vbi voluerint et dabit unus-

The said John denied the whole word for word, and therefor he pledged him one law: wherefor the said John went out and returning sat between Nicholas Humphrey's son and Geoffrey of Nottingham that they might help him to make law. And the said John, not wishing to make law, pledged one cask of ale: pledges (two): and he pledged to the said William his craft¹ (two pledges), as long as that sitting lasts, to wit after Candlemas 43 Hen. III.² and the said John is amerced therefor above.

Memorandum that on Friday next after the feast of St Matthias, Apostle, 42 Hen. III., Henry of Ruddington being Mayor, in full Morningspeech it was provided and agreed by all the community of the Gild that all merchants of Leicester, who at the time of Stamford fair next following shall come to Stamford with cloth or wool or with fells, shall cause this merchandise to be carried to the shops, in which the merchandise of Leicester is usually kept, and there cause the said merchandise to be unloaded and opened in the presence of the neighbours and shall keep the same there (except the fells) for at least a day and a night, and if they should wish to move this merchandise elsewhere, they shall be allowed to carry them well and without hindrance wherever they may wish, and each of them shall give for each

¹ Probably meaning that if he failed to redeem his pledge he would lose his right to exercise his handicraft perhaps for a year and a day, as see below.

² After Feb. 2, 1259.

quisque eorum ad quemlibet pannum *iiid.*, et ad quemlibet saccum lane *vid.*, et ad centum pelles *iiid.* Quod si aliquis eorum contra hoc venerit aliquo modo, acquietabit plenarie unam schopam.

Item omnes predicti mercatores predicto modo habebunt et tenebunt in Nundinis S. Botulfi marcandisas suas prememoratas in schopis quibus mercatores Leycestrie soliti †sunt seu ‡ fuerunt temporibus preteritis suos pannos habere, cum ipse schope illis possint sufficere ad omnes marcandisas prememoratas, et [provisum fuit] quod pannarii sint ex parte Australi, et Lanarii ex parte Boreali: [et] quod si quis eorum contra hoc venerit: dabit ad quemlibet saccum lane nomine ammerciamenti dimidiam marcam sine aliquo remedio.

[v^o.] [April 3, 1258.] A. r. r. Henrici XL. secundo; die mercurii proxima post Clausum Pascha¹, Will. Wallensis et Will. de Blaby deuenerunt plegios Amicie relicte Willelmi Baudewine, ad persoluendum Johanni Pelet *iiii*^{os}. marcas et xl. denarios ad diem quem idem Joh. assignare voluerit: scilicet, de residuo debiti in quo dictus W. Baudewine eidem Johanni tenebatur.

[v^o.] [May 17, 1258.] A. r. r. Henrici XL. secundo die veneris in Ebdomada Pentecostes, isti subscripti fuerunt accupati, quod vendiderunt lanam extraneorum contra Libertatem Gilde per pondus et

cloth *3d.* and for each sack of wool *6d.* and for a hundred fells *3d.* So that if any of them should contravene this in any way he shall fully discharge one shop².

All the aforesaid merchants in the aforesaid manner shall have and hold their aforesaid merchandise at Boston fair in the shops at which the merchants of Leicester are or were accustomed in past times to have their cloth, while these shops may suffice for them for all the aforesaid merchandise, and it was ordered that the drapers are to be on the South side and the wool-dealers on the North side: and that if any of them should contravene this, he shall give for each sack of wool a half mark under the name of amercement, without any remedy.

In 42 Hen. III. on Wednesday next after the Close of Easter, Will. the Welshman and Will. of Blaby became pledges for Amicia widow of Will. Baldwin, to pay John Pellet 4 marks and 40 pence³ on the day which the said John should fix: to wit for the residue of the debt which Will. Baldwin owed the said John.

42 Hen. III. on Friday in Whitsunweek these underwritten were charged that they sold the wool of strangers against the liberty of the Gild by weight

¹ First Sunday after Easter.

² ? pay the whole seldage of a shop.

³ £2. 16s. 8d.

stateram : non defenderunt verba accupamenti sicut defendere debuerunt, unde quilibet eorum inuadiauit nomine ammerciamenti unam cuuatam ceruisie et abiurauerunt huiusmodi transgressionem de cetero.

Rob. de Kent †inuadiauit 1 cuuatam ceruisie†. Taxatur ad xiii℥; perdonantur per petitionem Siluestri de Castello. [Another] ponitur in respectu pro paupertate. [In all 5 names.]

Hen. Houhil : quia in pleno morespechio extitit rebellis Henrico de Rodintone, maiori suo, dicens, quod non magis cure tenuit neque dedit de illo quam de vna festuca, et alia verba contumeliosa : Taxatur amerciamementum eiusdem ad duo Dolea vini : Scilicet, maiori vnum et Communitati Gilde reliquum : et inuadiauit ipsa duo dolea, reddenda ante festum S. Margarete, proximo sequens : plegii : [four named]. Soluit dicto Henrico de Rodington vnum Doleum, et postea reliquum in respectu, ita quod in omnibus se habebit amicabiliter versus predictum Henricum et totam Gildam.

[r^o.] [Tues. Dec. 3, 1258¹.] Henrico de Rodington maiore, Will. Astyn, Rog. de Querindon (entered).

[Wed. Dec. 4, 1258.] Tho. Le Cutiler, quia eodem die rebellis fuit et cum viribus vetare voluit vadimonia Aconi cum barba et aliis, missis ex parte communitatis ad ipsum distringendum pro plegiis, inuadiauit 1 cuuatam ceruisie.

and scale : they did not defend² the words of the charge as they should, wherefor each of them pledged, under the name of amercement, one cask of ale and foreswore trespass of this sort henceforth.

Robert of Kent pledged a cask of ale. It is rated at 1s. ; the money is pardoned by the petition of Sylvester of the Castle. Another is put in respite on account of poverty.

Henry Houhil, because he was rebellious in full morningspeech against his mayor, Henry of Ruddington, saying that he cared³ no more for him than for a straw and other contumelious words : his amercement is assessed at two tuns⁴ of wine : to wit one to the Mayor and the other to the Community of the Gild : and he pledged these two tuns to be paid before the feast of St Margaret next following : pledges (four) : he paid one tun to the said Henry of Ruddington and afterwards the other (is put) in respite on condition that he conduct himself amicably towards the said Henry and the whole Gild.

Thomas the Cutler, because on that day he was rebellious and sought by violence to forbid pledges to Azo with the beard, and others, sent on the community's behalf to distrain him for pledges, pledged one cask of ale.

¹ Called A.D. MCCL. tercio, but this appears to be a mistake for a. r. r. Henrici XL. tercio as in the subsequent entry.

² i.e. deny, answer.

³ Literally "took nor gave more care."

⁴ So *Cath. Ang.* and see Stevenson, *Nottingham*, II. p. 458, on the tun of 52 sextaries of 4 gallons each.

Will. de Tokeby, Herbertus de Anesty le Tanur, *Rob. Petyt junior, *And. de Wateberg, *Will. Hereword, Tho. de Dersford, Ranulphus pistor de Cortlingstoke (Notts.), *Will. Baudwine cordewanarius, Rob. de Melton, Joh. Amice fil. Walteri de Cropston tinctoris (s. p.), (pays 3s. due for his father's entry), *Hen. de Leyke. [Thurs. Dec. 12, 1258.] Rad. de Spondon, *Hen. Morice.

[v^o.] [Dec. 12, 1258.] Die Jovis proxima ante festum S. Lucie virginis a. r. r. Henrici XL. tercio: soluebantur isti denarii per communitatem Gilde.

Ricardo tabernario Petri filii Rogeri pro vino ab eo recepto ad presenciam per particulas xxxvs. *xd*. Hen. Hileme pro pane ab eo recepto ad presenciam iiis. Phil. Le turnur pro firma terre Gilde *xixd*. [so quit till next Whitsuntide, scratched out]. Will. Le Waleys pro vino ab eo recepto ad presenciam *xliid*. Item *iid*. ob. Tho. Le flemeng pro suis expensis apud Stanford ex parte communitatis *xxvid*. Hug. Franceys pro suo labore et suis expensis ex parte communitatis *viiiid*. In pane et vino missis Henrico filio domini comitis¹ tribus vicibus vis. et in ceruisia *vd*. Ric. de Beurlaco ad eius expensas uersus Stanford cum litteris petitoriis ad resignandum seldas quas Burgenses Leycestrie solebant tenere ibidem *xiiid*. In una noua bursa empta ad communitatem Gilde *vid*. In uno nouo sigillo facto ad communitatem Gilde *iiis. vid*. In portagio et districtionibus factis *xviiiid*. Roberto Griffyn pro mercede hospicii ad morespechia tenta *xiiid*.

On Thursday next before the feast of St Lucy the Virgin 43 Hen. III., these moneys were paid by the community of the Gild:

To Richard, the taverner of Peter Roger's son, for wine received from him for the present², by particulars³, *£1. 15s. 10d*. To Henry Hileme for bread received from him for the present, *4s*. To Philip the Turner for rent of the land of the Gild, *1s. 7d*. To William the Welshman for wine received from him for the present, *3s. 5d*., also *2½d*. To Thomas the Fleming for his expenses at Stamford on the community's behalf, *2s. 2d*. To Hugh the Frenchman for his trouble and expenses on the community's behalf, *8d*. In bread and wine sent to Henry the Lord Earl's son, three times, *6s*. and in beer, *5d*. To Richard of Beverley for his expenses (going) to Stamford with letters petitory to resign the sheds which the burgesses of Leicester were wont to hold there, *1s*. For a new purse bought for the community of the Gild, *6d*. For a new seal made for the community of the Gild, *4s. 6d*. For carriage⁴ and for distraints made, *1s. 6d*. To Robert Griffin for hire of the house to hold the Morningspeeches in, *1s*.

¹ Henry, eldest son of Simon de Montfort.

² The gift to the Earl probably.

³ i.e. items elsewhere enrolled.

⁴ Gate payments, or ? portorage, as below.

[v^o.] [Feb. 18, 1259.] Die Martis proxima ante festum sancti Petri in Cathedra, a. r. r. Henrici XL. tercio, Rog. Blundus constituit Matheum Fode attornatum suum ad respondendum et satisfaciendum Henrico de Rodington, de seruicio illi debito de tenemento predicti Rogeri, juxta mesuagium Elene Teri.

[r^o.] [Thurs. Feb. 27, 1259.] Will. Aquarius, Galf. de Swithelund, Hugo de Houby (s. p.), (son of Joh. de Houby), Will. de Claybroc, †Sym. Champeneys†.

[v^o.] [Feb. 26, 1259.] Die mercurii in capite Jeiunii, a. r. r. Henrici XL. tercio, Aco cum barba accupatus per maiorem quod, ad dampnum et pudorem Gilde per 1 cuuatam ceruisie, receperat de denariis tallagii xs. et vid., et eos expendiderat in vsibus propriis: inuadiauit misericordiam: plegii (2): ad soluendum dictos xs. et vid. die S. Gregorii proximo futuro. Inde soluit visol.: soluit totum.

Item Abel de Broctone eodem modo accupatus de xvs. xd. receptis de tallagio. Inuadiauit misericordiam.

[v^o.] [Feb. 28, 1259.] Die Veneris proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli, a. r. r. Henrici XL^o tercio, Hen. Houhil conqueritur de Ricardo de Scheltone et Petro Blundo, quod vetuerunt illi introitum in schopam, quam per suum Lot tenere debuit, in Nundinis S. Botulfi proximo preteritis, ad suum dampnum et pudorem per vs. et ad pudorem Gilde per 1 cuuatam ceruisie; et dicti Ric. et Pet. con-

On Tuesday next before the feast of St Peter's Chair, in 43 Hen. III., Roger the White appointed Matthew Fode his attorney to answer and make satisfaction to Henry of Ruddington for service due to him from the tenement of the said Roger near the messuage of Ellen Terry.

On Ash Wednesday, 43 Hen. III., Azo with the beard charged by the Mayor that, to the damage and dishonour of the Gild in¹ one cask of ale, he had received 10s. 6d. from the tallage money and had spent them for his own use: he pledged mercy: (two pledges) to pay the said 10s. 6d. on St Gregory's day (Mar. 12) next ensuing. Thereof he paid 6s.; he paid all.

Abel of Broughton charged in the same way for 15s. 10d. received from tallage. He pledged mercy.

On Friday next after the feast of St Matthias the Apostle, 43 Hen. III., Henry Houhil makes plaint against Richard of Shilton and Peter the White that they refused him entrance into the shop, which he ought to have by his lot², in Boston fair last past, to his damage and dishonour at 5s. and to the dishonour of the Gild at one cask of ale, and the said Richard and Peter granted

¹ i.e. rated at.

² The shop probably had fallen to him by lot.

cesserunt quod super hoc se voluerunt ponere super Inquisitionem faciendam per illos qui ibidem fuerunt presentes, et per considerationem Gilde, Inquisicione prius facta, dicti Pet. et Ric. remanent in misericordia et ad satisfaciendum dicto Henrico; et illud inuadiauerunt plegii Petri: Eustachius filius presbiteri et Phil. Leueriz.

[v^o.] Isti subscripti ceperunt lanam tinctam in Wayda et eam posuerunt in Warancia¹ et in Bultura ad colorem eiusdem Lane faciendum nigriorem, ad similitudinem coloris persi: contra consuetudinem Gilde *et ad deceptionem*. Et quilibet eorum invadiavit i cuatam ceruisie. [Also Will. Morker, Hen. Houhil, Hen. de Rodington, maior, Pet. Blundus, Ric. de Schelton and three others.]

[r^o.] [Tues. Mar. 4, 1259.] *Rad. fil. Johannis Osemund, Rog. de Rerisby (entered).

[v^o.] [Mar. 7, 1259.] Anno r. r. H. XL^o tercio, Die Veneris proxima ante festum sancti Gregorii, in pleno morespechio communiter fuit prouisum et concessum, quod de omnibus illis de communitate Gilde qui venient ad Nundinas de sancto Botulpho proximo futuras cum pannis, Lana, seu pellibus, Drapararii adduci facient pannos suos ibidem, et adquietabunt seldagium illarum seldarum ex parte Australi, in quibus solite fuerunt teneri marchandise Leycestrie, in Nundinis

that concerning this they would put themselves on² an inquest to be made by them who were there present, and on the decision of the Gild (the inquest having first been made) the said Peter and Richard remain in mercy and have to make satisfaction to the said Henry, and this Peter's pledges pledged: Eustace the priest's son and Philip Leveriz.

These underwritten took wool dyed in woad and put it in madder and bran (?)³ to make the colour of this wool blacker, in likeness of perse⁴ colour, against the custom of the Gild *and in deceit*. And each of them pledged one cask of ale.

43 Hen. III., on Friday next before the feast of St Gregory, in full morningspeech, it was in common provided and agreed that, of all those of the community of the Gild who shall come to Boston fair next ensuing with cloth, wool, or fells, the drapers shall cause their cloth to be taken there and shall discharge the seldage of their sheds on the South side, in which the merchandise of Leicester was wont to be kept at the fair of that place,

¹ Cf. Riley, II. ii. p. 550 on the objection to dyeing in madder and woad. Woad produced an indigo colour.

² i.e. abide by the decision of the inquest.

³ On the use of bran-water in dyeing see Shuttleworth Accounts, pp. 412 and 1126. But cf. Northampton Records, p. 483 "Boyltur" dregs. *Prompt. Parv.* gives bultura for boulder, but here the meaning may be boiling, see Cotgrave, bulture, l'action de bouillir.

⁴ Perse is usually explained as either a sky-blue or a peach colour. On *birsus*, red or black, see Ducange and Mrs Merrifield's *Original Treatises*.

eiusdem loci, vtrum habeant in eisdem seldis pannos suos uel non. Et Lanarii et illi qui habeant pelles seu lanam, adquietabunt seldagium illarum seldarum ex parte Boreali vtrum habeant in eisdem seldis marchandisas suas uel non, sed ad ipsas seldas facient eorum lanam et pelles adduci.

[v^o.] [Mar. 7, 1259.] Rog. Bate et Rob. de Blanke soluerunt dicto die veneris de suo recepto de Tallagio xvs. et sunt in bursa Gilde cum *visol*. quos Azo cum barba similiter soluit eodem die de Tallagio.

De denariis solutis de tallagio facta (*sic*) ad faciendum primogenitos heredes.

Will. Morker lxvis. viii*d*. pro quodam russeto. Item de denariis solutis pro seldagio apud Stanford tempore Nundinarum ibidem anno r. r. Henrici XLIII^o, xxviii*s*.

[v^o.] †Hen. Houhil accupatus quod posuit nigram lanam in wayda ad eam faciendam nigriorem et postea eam posuit ad pannum persum: prius diffitebatur preter de IIII. velleribus tantum, et fuit adiudicatus facere inde legem, et noluit facere legem inde: et inuadiauit duplicem misericordiam: plegii (two): perdonatur totum per communitatem Gilde⁺.

[Mar. 19, 1259 there follows a list of fines for dipping wool, dyed in woad, into madder. Henry of Ruddington, Mayor, fined 3*s*. 4*d*. and Henry Houhil is fined 2*s*. amercement because he failed in his plea (cecidit in sua querela) against John Dodeman. Total £2. 16*s*. 2*d*.]

whether they have their cloth in these sheds or not. And the woolmongers, and those who have fells or wool, shall discharge the seldage of their sheds on the North side, whether they have their merchandise in these sheds or not, but to these sheds they shall cause their wool and fells to be carried.

Roger Bate and Robert of Blank (?) paid on the same Friday from their receipt of tallage 15*s*., and the moneys are in the Gild purse with 6*s*. which Azo with the Beard paid similarly on that day for tallage.

Of money paid for the tallage made to make heirs of the firstborn :

William Morker £3. 6*s*. 8*d*. for a certain russet (cloth). Of money paid for seldage at Stamford in fair time there 43 Hen. III., £1. 8*s*.

Henry Houhil charged that he put black wool into woad to make it blacker, and afterwards added it to perse-coloured cloth: at first he denied it, except of four fells only, and he was adjudged to make his law thereof, and he would not make law therefor, and he pledged double mercy¹: pledges (two): he is pardoned all by the community of the Gild.

¹ i.e. found security for double amercement, probably one for the offence and one for refusing to make his "law."

[r^o.] [Mar. 19, 1259.] Morspechio tento die mercurii proxima ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie, a. r. r. Henrici XL^o tercio, Henrico de Rodinton maiore Leycestrie:

Rog. Aldith qui tribus vicibus conuictus fuit deliquisse contra Libertates et consuetudines Gilde et propter hoc Gildam suam amiserat, sicut patet in dorso Rotuli, iterum intrauit in Gildam, et inuadiauit pro suo Introitu *xxs.* et vnum taurum, sine aliquo inde relaxando: plegii (two): et se obligauit per omnia bona sua mobilia et inmobilia quod si decetero conuictus fuerit super aliqua transgressionem contra libertates et consuetudines Gilde, amittet Gildam in perpetuum sine aliquo remedio et quod soluet nichilominus communitati Gilde viginti marcas argenti: plegii (four). Et predictus Rogerus se obligauit per omnia bona sua quod penitus seruabit communitatem Gilde, indempnem de omnibus occasionibus que aliquo modo poterunt emergere: pro suo Introitu soluit *xxs.* et Petrus filius Rogeri habuit illos *xxs.* versus debitum in quo communitas Leycestrie ei tenebatur. Item a. r. r. Henrici XLVIII^{uo} dictus Rog. Aldyth habuit apud Lennam II. pannos vermilones quorum vendidit meliorem Roberto de Lincoln Burgensi de Lenna et dictus Robertus de ipso panno cepit de vna extremitate signum, et abiit et dimisit ipsum pannum in custodia dicti Rogeri. Et dictus Rog. cepit alium pannum suum et posuit extremitatem illius panni ad

At the Morningspeech held on Wednesday next before Lady Day, 43 Hen. III., Henry of Ruddington being Mayor of Leicester: Roger Aldith, who was three times convicted of having offended against the liberties and customs of the Gild and on this account had lost his Gild, as appears on the back of the roll, again entered the Gild and pledged for his entrance £1 and a bull, without any remission thereof: pledges (two): and he bound himself in all his goods, movable and immovable, that if he were again convicted of any trespass against the liberties and customs of the Gild, he shall lose the Gild for ever without any remedy, and that he shall pay nevertheless to the community of the Gild 20 marks of silver: pledges (four). And the aforesaid Roger bound himself in all his goods that he will serve the community of the Gild wholly, guiltless of all vexations which in any way may arise: for his entrance he paid £1, and Peter Roger's son had those 20s. towards the debt which the community of Leicester owed to him. In 48 Hen. III. the said Roger Aldith had two vermilion cloths at Lynn, of which he sold the better one to Robert of Lincoln, burgess of Lynn, and the said Robert took a pattern² from one end of this cloth and went away and left that cloth in the keeping of the said Roger. And the said Roger took his other cloth and put the end of that cloth to the end of the aforesaid cloth from which Robert had taken

¹ *tempore Nundinarum* deleted.

² Usually a seal, perhaps the Gild stamp, but here the meaning seems to be a pattern.

extremitatem predicti panni vnde dictus Rob. ceperat signum et abscidit de illo panno debiliori signum ad similitudinem quantitatis signi capti de predicto panno et dictus Rob. venit ad vlnandum predictum pannum vnde ceperat signum: et dictus Rog. ipsum pannum ammouerat et tradidit in loco illius panni alium pannum quod malo modo signauerat ad similitudinem alterius panni. Et sic dictus Rob. ipsum pannum vl(nauit)¹ et habuit: et postea dictus Rob. precabatur dictum Rogerum cenare secum, quo veniens dictus Rog. dixit dicto Roberto: visne emere a me vnum bonum pannum? et dictus Rob. dixit: habeo meliorem pannum quam habuisti; et dictus Rog. dixit: habeo vnum pannum vnde quelibet vl(a) est melior per iii*d.* quam vl(a) illius panni quem habes. Quere vlterius in dorso huius rotuli ad talem signum — o — o.

[v^o.] [1264.] — o — o De Rogero Aldyth. Anno r. r. Henrici XLVIII^{uo}. Robertus de Lincoln, putans se esse illum per Rogerum Aldyth, de illo panno vermilone quod ipse emerat ab ipso Rogero, venit ad Robertum de Landa et Symonem Brokur de Lenna, qui secum fuerunt quando emit predictum pannum, et dixit eis qualiter ipsi sciuerunt quod ipse emerat meliorem pannum quem dictus Rog. habuit et qualiter post cenam dictus Rog. secum locutus fuerat, et qualiter putauit se esse illum: et dictus Symon dixit: 'scio bene

the pattern, and he cut off from that inferior cloth a pattern of the same size as the pattern taken from the aforesaid cloth, and the said Robert came to measure the aforesaid cloth from which he had taken the pattern; but the said Roger had carried off that cloth and put in the place of that cloth the other cloth which he had wickedly marked like the other cloth. And so the said Robert measured this cloth and had it: and afterwards the said Robert asked the said Roger to sup with him, whither coming, the said Roger said to the said Robert: Don't you wish to buy a good cloth of me? and the said Robert answered: I have a better cloth than you had; and the said Roger said: I have a cloth of which every single yard is worth 3*d.* more than each yard of the cloth which you have. (Seek further on, on the back of this roll at this sign — o — o.)

— o — o About Roger Aldith, 48 Hen. III. Robert of Lincoln, thinking that he had been cheated by Roger Aldith, about that vermilion cloth which he had bought of the said Roger, came to Robert of Launde and Simon the Broker of Lynn, who were with him when he bought the aforesaid cloth, and said to them that they knew how he had bought a better cloth which the said Roger had, and how that after supper the said Roger had talked with him, and how that he thought he had been cheated: and the said Simon

¹ Torn.

quod non habes illum pannum quem emisti': et in simul perrexerunt ad hospicium dicti Rogeri: et dictus Rob. de Lincoln dixit dicto Rogero: 'Ostende nobis illum bonum pannum vnde heri cero¹ post cenam mecum locutus fuisti': et dixit Rogerus: 'Illum pannum vendidi': et dictus Symon sciens vbi ille pannus iacuit sub vno lecto in hospicio dicti Rogeri adiit et cepit et attulit ipsum pannum coram illis: et dictus Robertus de Landa² habens secum in birro Camisie sue signum quod fuit captum de ipso panno, posuit ipsum signum ad ipsum pannum et apparuit manifeste dolus: et sic ipse Rogerus precibus bonorum virorum pro eo attentius et diligentius factis vix fecit finem cum dicto Roberto de Lincoln de dicta transgressione pro xs.

[Thurs. Feb. 5, 1260, Rog. Snarri de Thurketliston (*sic*, Thurcaston), Joh. de Banningham (Norfolk), *Will. le parcheminer fil. Roberti parcheminer, Will. de Swithelund, *Rob. fil. Mathei le cutiler, Hen. de Jaumville, Tues. Feb. 9, 1260, Hen. de Copston, Walkelin Crisp de Munsorel.]

[r^o.] Joh. Keling accupatus, quod contra libertatem et consuetudinem Gilde marcandizauit cum denariis vnus hominis extra Gildam, scilicet: (blank) pro medietate superlucris: non defendit verba accupamenti sufficienter et nichilominus inuadiauit vnam legem faciendam manu sua et cum (two others), quod non marcandizauit cum denariis predicti secundum verba accupamenti: Dies de lege facienda in crastino, scilicet die mercurii continue sequente: plegius dicti Johannis

said, I know very well that you have not got the cloth which you bought: and they went together to the said Roger's house: and the said Robert of Lincoln said to the said Roger: Show us that good cloth of which you spoke to me yesterday evening after supper: and Roger answered: I have sold that cloth: and the said Simon, knowing where that cloth lay under a bed in the said Roger's lodging, went and took it and brought that cloth before them: and the said Robert of Launde, having with him in the fold (?)³ of his shirt the pattern which was taken from that cloth, put this pattern to the same cloth and the fraud appeared manifest: and so this Roger, at the prayer of good men who very eagerly and zealously made petition for him, had much ado to make fine with the said Robert of Lincoln for the said trespass for 10s.

John Keling charged that against the liberty and custom of the Gild he traded with the money of a man outside the Gild, i.e....for half profits: he did not deny the words of the charge sufficiently, and nevertheless he pledged one law to be made with his own hand (and two men named) that he did not trade with the money of the aforesaid, according to the words of the charge.

¹ Added above.

² *De Landa* added above.

³ See faldinge (a cloak), *Prompt., Parv.* p. 147.

de lege facienda noluit facere legem et inuadiauit misericordiam. Plegii (2): amerciatur ad xii*d.*, soluit eos et quietus est. [Henry Gilbert's cook and Philip of Glen similarly charged.]

1. [v^o.] [Date uncertain.] Consuetudo gilde talis est, quod si quis non prosequitur gildam dum prima pulsatur debet pacare super assisam scilicet iii*d.* ad mandatum maioris ville quando venire velit ad introendum (*sic*) in gilda per marcandisam suam distrin[gendum sit et] prohibitum est ne aliquis de gilda emat uel uendat cum eo donec satisfecerit.

[1260] Henrico de Rodington tunc maiore Leycestrie (a.) r. r. Henrici filii Johannis regis XLIII. constitute fuerunt hee consuetudines in Gilda mercatorum cum consensu mercatorum et textorum et fullonum:

[Textores] iurauerunt quod nullam in opere suo occultabunt infidelitatem et habebunt in opere suo tres trabes¹ [nec tex]ent de nocte.

[Fullones iur]auerunt quod non fullabunt pannos infideles nisi illos defectus ostendant maiori et balliuis et quod non fullabunt pannos coloratos in arzilio et [feci]bus², [et] quod non ponent Bathandle³

The day for making law on the morrow, to wit, the following Wednesday: the pledge of the said John for making law would not make law and he pledged mercy. (Pledges.) He is amerced at 1*s.*; he paid it and is quit.

The custom of the Gild is such that if any one does not come to attend the Gild when Prime⁴ rings, he ought to pay according to the assize, to wit 4*d.* at the command of the mayor of the town, when he may wish to come and enter the Gild, let him be distrained by his merchandise, (and) it is forbidden that any one of the Gild buy or sell with him until he shall have made satisfaction.

Henry of Ruddington being then Mayor of Leicester, 44 Hen. III., these customs were agreed to in the Gild of merchants with the consent of the merchants and the weavers and the fullers.

The weavers swore that they will conceal no infidelity in their work and that they will have three shuttles in their work, and will not weave at night.

The fullers swore that they will not full unfaithful cloth without showing their defects to the mayor and bailiffs, and that they will not full

¹ ? A translation of beam, shuttle, of which the Latin is usually *liciatorium*, see Wright-Wülcker, s. v. *laciatorium*, *webbeme*.

² This may mean that cloth dyed with argol as the mordant may not be fulled. See the note to *feces* p. 71, and also s. v. *argoil*, in Halliwell's Dictionary (a note to which Mr Hubert Hall has kindly directed me). See also *argol* in N. E. D. But more likely *argilla*, clay, is meant, and the rule is that coloured cloths (see p. 71) may not be fulled with a substitute for fuller's earth.

³ *Bac* not *Bat* is plainly written, but the reading must be *bat*, i.e. a mallet or beetle for beating the cloth. The objection would seem to be to the use of the mallet to beat *dry* cloth: the use of mallets or stocks in cleansing cloth from the impurities of oil and size is part of the process of fulling (*Cyc. Indust.*). In a fourteenth century Gild roll the use of *iron* combs and bat-handles is prohibited.

⁴ Already perhaps fixed at six a.m.

super siccum pannum, et quod non tenebunt aliquid morespechium [quo non] fuerint duo mercatores de Gilda mercatorum qui de communitate Gilde ad hoc fuerint [electi et sic]¹ assignantur isti duo mercatores ad hoc, scilicet Jac. Motun et Nic. le [Burgeis]...[quod] fullones non facient inter se certam assisam quantum quilibet eorum capiet ad vln[am] de...pannorum: et quod fullabunt pannos bene et de una secta, sine aliquo defectu: Et cum panni fuerint brochiati et cotunati² et illi quorum fuerint ipsi panni...[si] inuenerint defectum de fullacione ipsi panni monstrabuntur quatuor mercatoribus de Gilda mercatorum qui per communitatem Gilde ad hoc fuerint assignati et per illos quatuor defectus fullacionis presentabuntur maiori et communitati et nunc assignantur isti quatuor ad hoc: Pet. Blundus, Hen. Houhil, Phil. Leueriz et Symon de Cotis. [Aliquis] fullonum [si agat] contra aliquem articulum predictum satisfaciet inde versus...[per] illos pa[nnos]...[pri]mum defectum deteriorat' si habeat vnde possit ei inde...predictorum mercatorum, et ad primam transgressionem erit in misericordia Gilde ad dim. marc. et ad secundam unam marcam et ad terciam abiurabit opus fullericum per unum annum [et 1 diem]....

coloured cloths in argol and lye and that they will not use beetles on dry cloth, and that they will not hold any morningspeech except in the presence of two merchants of the Gild of merchants who shall have been chosen for this purpose from the community of the Gild, and accordingly these two are chosen for this purpose, James Motun and Nicholas the Burgess...the fullers shall not make among themselves a fixed assize how much each of them will take for a yard of...of cloths. And that they will full cloth well and of one sort without any default. And when cloths shall have been calendered (?) and cottoned (?)³, and those to whom these cloths belong...if they should find defective fulling, these cloths shall be shown to four merchants of the Gild of merchants, who shall have been appointed for this purpose by the community of the Gild, and by these four the defects of fulling shall be presented to the mayor and the community: Peter the White, Henry Houhil, Philip Leveriz and Simon of Cotes are the four now appointed for this purpose. If any of the fullers act against any article aforesaid, he shall make satisfaction therefor to...by those cloths...if he has whereof he can pay therefor...and at the first trespass he shall be in mercy of the Gild at half a mark; and at the second one mark, and at the third he shall abjure fulling work for a year and a day.

¹ This passage is badly torn and damaged.

² Strong woollens are spoken of as "cottons," and the term "cotton-russet" was used. See Shuttleworth Accounts, pp. 556, 643, but the meaning here remains to seek.

³ The meaning of this passage is uncertain. *Brochiare* may here mean to brush or dress with teazles (to raise the nap), or to sell by retail or, as above, p. 72, perhaps, to roll upon a roller.

Prouisum et concessum per communitatem Gilde mercatorum quod nullus eo[rum habeat]...[mo]lendinum fullericum extra villam Leycestrie nisi fuerit per c[onsensum communitatis]...pannus fuerit et fullonis Leycestrie qui ipsum pannum....

3. [vº.] [Feb. 11, 1260.]¹ A. r. r. Henrici filii Regis Johannis XLº quarto, die Jouis proxima ante diem sancti Valentini, mense Februarii, communiter fuit prouisum et concessum per communitatem² Gilde; quod omnes, qui sunt in eadem Gilda possunt libere et sine aliqua occasione emere a quibuscumque voluerint lanam, prout melius poterunt, per vellera seu per pondus et stateram; et quod poterunt partiri de superlucro cum omnibus a quibus mutuo receperint denarios ad medietatem seu ad terciam partem seu ad quartam partem superlucri, prout melius poterit conuenire³ inter accomodantes et mutuo recipientes; et quod accomodatores poterunt adiuuare illos quibus suos denarios ad marcandisas emendas [accomodauerint], vbicumque voluerint extra villam Leycestrie, sic tamen quod accomodatores qui fuerint extra ipsam Gildam non se intromittent aliquo modo de ipsis marcandisis in villa Leycestrie, neque de denariis inde recipiendis per manus mercatorum extraneorum quibus ipse marcandise fuerint vendite; Et nullus eorum qui fuerint in Gilda vendet marcandisas alicuius

It is provided and agreed by the community of the Gild of merchants that none of them shall keep...a fulling mill outside the town of Leicester unless it be by the consent of the community [and of him to whom] the cloth belongs and of the fuller of Leicester [who shall full the cloth].

In 44 Hen. III., on Thursday next before St Valentine's day in the month of February, it was provided in common and agreed by the community of the Gild that all who are in this Gild may buy wool freely and without any hindrance, from whomsoever they shall wish, as they shall best be able, by fleeces or by weight and by steelyard; and that they shall be able to share profits with all from whom they shall have borrowed money, to the half, the third or the fourth part of the profit, as shall best be arranged between the lenders and borrowers; and that the lenders shall be able to help those to whom they shall have lent their money, to buy merchandise wherever they shall wish, outside the town of Leicester, but so that the lenders who shall be outside of this Gild shall not intermeddle in any way with such trade in the town of Leicester, nor with the money to be received thence by the hands of stranger merchants, to whom such merchandise shall be sold. And none of them who shall belong to the Gild shall sell the merchandise of anyone

¹ Printed in Gross, *G. M.* II. 139 and in Bémont, p. 364. There is a copy in the Vellum Book, no. 29.

² Written *communitatem* in the V. B.

³ For *conueniri*.

qui fuerit¹ extra Gildam, nisi idem venditor prius emerit fideliter et pure ipsas marcandisas; Et nullus eorum qui fuerint in Gilda ibit per patriam cum mercatoribus extraneis ad docendum seu adiuuandum illos ad marcandisas emendas ad detrimentum Gilde; et si quis eorum qui fuerint in Gilda venerit contra istam prouisionem, amittet Gildam suam; Et si aliquis de Leycestria, qui fuerit extra Gildam, eat per patriam cum mercatoribus extraneis ad illos docendos seu adiuuandos ad marcandisas aliquas emendas ad detrimentum Gilde, prohibeatur illi introitus Leycestrie per vnum annum et diem unum².

[v^o.] [Feb. 11, 1260.] Phil. filius Philippi le Turnur predicto die Jouis proximo ante diem S. Valentini a. r. r. Henrici XLIIII., recepit de annuo redditu suo de mesuagio Gilde in parochia S. Nicholai xix*d*. Item in portagio xii*d*.

Henrico filio Roberti Gryffyn pro scriptura rotulorum de denariis collectis ad pontes emendandos xii*d*.

[r^o.] [Wed. Feb. 10.] †Will. fil. Milonis de Croxton, Will. de Dalby†, Alex. fil. Jordani de Outheby, *Walt. le Mercer [Feb. 11], †Alex. le specer de Cadinton†, Will. fil. Milonis de Croxton [Feb. 17], *Tho. fil. Petri Corueisarii, Hugo fil. Alani rotarii super le Berehil [Feb. 23], Rad. le Bere, Rob. fil. Ricardi filii Ade (s. p.), *Tho. Drueri fil. Roberti Drueri, Hen. Curlevache fil. Henrici Curlevache (s. p.), Rob. Haliday le furner, Joh. Flur, Tho. Ouirnun fil. Philippi Ouirnun (s. p.).

who shall be outside of the Gild, unless the vendor first shall have loyally and honestly bought that merchandise. And none of them who should belong to the Gild shall go through the country with strange merchants to teach or to help them to buy merchandise to the detriment of the Gild; and if any of them who shall be in the Gild contravene this provision, he shall lose his Gild. And if anyone of Leicester, who shall be outside of the Gild, go through the country with strange merchants to teach them or help them to buy any merchandise to the detriment of the Gild, let entrance to Leicester be forbidden to him for a year and a day.

Philip son of Philip the Turner on the aforesaid Thursday next before St Valentine's, 44 Hen. III., received 1*s*. 7*d*. of his annual rent from the messuage of the Gild in the parish of St Nicholas. In portorage 1*s*. To Henry son of Robert Griffin for writing of rolls concerning the money collected for mending the bridges 1*s*.

¹ Written *fuerint*.

² The whole has been crossed out, and the lines of erasure have then been carefully obliterated.

[Feb. 24, 1260.] Will. le massun accupatus quod contra libertatem et consuetudinem Gilde marcandizauit cum denariis cuiusdam mercatoris extranei pro parte superlucris et iuit cum illo per patriam et docuit illum modum patrie. Inuadiauit misericordiam: plegii (2) et abiurauit huiusmodi transgressionem de cetero: amerciatur ad dimidiam marcam: q^d.

†Herbertus de Anesty quia tenuit Galfridum fratrem suum secum et cum suis denariis marcandizauit (etc.).†

†De denariis receptis per Johannem Gunfrey vt dicitur ad pontes Leycestrie, vnde particule continentur in quadam Cedula: Relicta eiusdem Johannis habet respectum respondendi et satisfaciendi ad alteram sedem proximo sequentem, scilicet ad primam sedem post proximum Pascha.†

[v^o.] [Wed. Feb. 24, 1260.] Die S. Mathie apostoli, a. r. r. Henrici XLIII^o, communiter fuit prouisum et concessum, quod nullus de Gilda vendet in Leycestria lanam seu alias marcandisas eorum qui sunt extra Gildam, ad detrimentum libertatum Gilde, pro parte superlucris.

Et sunt isti electi et assignati ad fideliter insidiandum et videndum quod nullus de Gilda veniat contra istam prouisionem, et si inueniant aliquos venientes contra ipsam prouisionem, ostendent illud maiori vel communitati Gilde.

William the Mason charged that against the liberty and custom of the Gild he traded with the money of a certain stranger merchant for part-profit and that he went with him through the neighbourhood and taught him the ways of the country. He pledged mercy: pledges (2), and he abjured this kind of trespass henceforth: he is amerced at half a mark: quit.

Herbert of Anstey because he kept his brother Geoffrey with him and traded with his money (etc.).

Of money received through John Gunfrey as it is said for the bridges of Leicester, whereof the particulars are contained in a certain schedule: The widow of this John has respite for answering and making satisfaction till the second sitting next ensuing, to wit, at the first sitting after next Easter.

On St Matthias the Apostle's day, 44 Hen. III., it was provided and agreed in common that none of the Gild shall sell in Leicester the wool or other merchandise of those who are outside the Gild, to the detriment of the liberties of the Gild, for part-profits.

And these are chosen and appointed for faithfully watching and seeing that none of the Gild contravene this provision, and if they find any contravening this provision, they shall point it out to the mayor or the community of the Gild.

Extra Portam Australem : Rad. de Couentria et Galf. Curlevache.

Extra Portam Orientalem : Hugo de Friseby et Pet. Cagge.

Extra Portam Borealem : Wil. de Benewick et Ric. sub muro.

[v^o.] In Quarterio Occidentali : Wil. Prudfot et Pet. Keling.

In Quarterio Orientali : Hen. Leffe, Symon Wibern.

In Quarterio Boreali : Rog. Tichinne et Rob. le Taylur.

[r^o.] [Thursday, Mar. 11. Galf. de Swithelund entered.]

[v^o.] [Feb. 22, 1261. For unjust selling of wool at Boston fair to the damage of the gild, R. Tripping was amerced 1s. His pledges paid 6d. each for him. This is followed by notes of the payment of the Gild house (domus Gilde) rent to P. the Turner, 1s. 7d. on Wed. Feb. 23, 1261, Wed. Mar. 1, 1262, and Fri. Feb. 28, 1264. Then follows a fine on Will. Norris (le Norreys) for selling wool of the men of Rothwell (Rowell) outside the Gild, for part profits.]

[r^o.] [Wed. Feb. 16, 1261, Ric. de Cropston, and Feb. 17, †Joh. de Bottelea† and Rob. de Wivelisle enter.]

†Amicia relicta Johannis Gunfrey habet diem vsque ad diem martis proximum ante caput Jeiunii ad faciendum quod de iure facere debet super denariis et Blado receptis per eundem Johannem vt dicitur ad pontes Leycestrie: plegii (2)...fecit finem de tota ista exactione pro dim. marc., vnde soluet ad istam sedem xld. et ad proximam sedem sequentem xld. plegii (2).†

[Feb. 22, Rob. le Paumer fil. Roberti de Merkingfeld, Rob. de Bigewurth, *Hen. Ferrey, *Rad. Costeyn, Rob. de Wiluby fil. Ricardi (s. p.), †Ric. de Knyttton gener Thome le paumer, *Pet. Herbert, Joh. de Hologate† enter.]

[v^o.] [Thurs. Mar. 3, 1261.] A. r. r. Henrici XLV^{to}, die Jouis

Outside the South Gate. Ralph of Coventry and Geoffrey Curlevache.

Outside the East Gate. Hugh of Frisby and Peter Cagge.

Outside the North Gate. William of Benwick and Richard under the wall.

In the West Quarter. William Proudfoot and Peter Keling.

In the East Quarter. Henry Leffe, Simon Wibern.

In the North Quarter. Roger Tichinne and Robert the Tailor.

Amicia widow of John Gunfrey has day (respice) till the Tuesday next before Ash Wednesday to do what by law she ought to do about the money and grain received by the said John, as it is said, for the bridges of Leicester: (2 pledges). She made fine for all this exaction for 6s. 8d., whereof she shall pay 3s. 4d. at this sitting and 3s. 4d. at the next: (2 pledges).

In 45 Hen. III., on Thursday next after the feast of St Matthias the

proxima post festum S. Mathie apostoli, per communitatem Gilde communiter fuit prouisum et concessum quod futuris temporibus ista consuetudo teneatur pro firma et stabili, in Nundinis sancti Yuonis : scilicet, omnes panni ibidem adducti, spe venditionis ibidem, siue fuerint in fardellis, siue extra, pares erunt ad seldagium aquietandum : Et eadem consuetudo teneatur in omnibus aliis Nundinis vbi seldagium dabitur¹.

[v^o.] [Mar. 4, 1261.] Anno eodem, die veneris proxima sequente, per communitatem Gilde communiter fuit prouisum et concessum quod in Nundinis de S. Botulpho, nullus de communitate aliquem pannum monstrabit ad vendendum extra Rengeam, in qua mercatores Leycestrie soliti sunt pannos suos vendere ; et si aliquis de communitate veniat contra istam prouisionem, remanebit in misericordia Gilde ad 1 cuuatam ceruisie. Sed si quis eorum habeat hospicium extra dictam rengineam et voluerit in noctibus pannos suos habere in suo hospicio pro securitate custodie, bene liceat eo² per noctes suos pannos in hospicio suo habere, et plicare et attornare, sed non debent pannos suos vendere neque ad vendendum monstrare in suo hospicio extra dictam Rengeam. Et Draparii adquietabunt seldagium seldarum ex parte australi dicte Rengeae, et Lanarii, et illi qui habebunt pelles in dictis Nundinis, adquietabunt seldagium seldarum ex parte

Apostle, it was provided and agreed in common by the community of the Gild that in future this custom be held firm and established in St Ives fair : to wit that all cloths taken there in the hope of sale there, whether they be in bundles or not, shall be paid for alike as regards seldage. And the same custom is to be held in all other fairs where seldage shall be given.

In the same year, on Friday next following, it was provided and agreed in common by the community of the Gild that in Boston fair none of the community shall show any cloth for sale outside the row in which the merchants of Leicester are accustomed to sell their cloth, and if any of the community contravene this provision he shall remain in the mercy of the Gild in one cask of ale. But if any of them have a lodging outside the said row and shall wish to have his cloth at night in his lodging for safe keeping, be it allowed to him to have his cloth at night in his lodging and to fold and dress³ it, but they may not sell their cloth nor show it for sale in their lodging outside the row. And the drapers shall discharge the seldage of the sheds on the South side of the said row, and the woolmongers and those who shall have fells in the said fair shall discharge the seldage of the sheds on the

¹ This is all crossed through and written again underneath, except "spe venditionis ibidem."

² MS. *eis*.

³ See the note on turned cloth in *Cath. Ang.* p. 397.

Boreali dicte Rengeae, siue habeant illuc, scilicet in dicta rengea, Lanam suam et pelles suas, siue non : et quod nullus eorum discedat de dictis Nundinis donec satisfecerit de seldagio : scilicet, secundum quod pertinet ad illum pacare, uel hominem ibidem assignet qui pro illo satisfaciat de seldagio. Et si quis contra istam prouisionem venerit, remanebit in misericordia Gilde ad 1 cuuatam ceruisie.

[r^o.] [Friday, Mar. 4, 1261. *Joh. fil. Ricardi de Wiluby and the following Wednesday, Joh. de Dauintria enter.]

[v^o.] [Mar. 9 or after, 1261.] De denariis solutis de Debitis communitatis Leycestrie : ad sedem in Quadragesima a. r. r. Henrici XLV^{to}, Henrico Hileme pro pane.

Dixerunt communiter qui fuerunt presentes in Gilda quod noluerunt inrotulare huiusmodi expensas sed communiter expendere sine inrotulacione.

Rob. de Columbario accupatus quod ipse sine licentia cepit liberos lapides de aula Gilde et eos carriauit vsque ad domum suam, ad suam voluntatem inde faciendam, ad dampnum et pudorem Gilde et communitatis Leycestrie. Inuadiauit misericordiam : plegii (2) : americiatur ad xii*d*.

[r^o.] [Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1262.] Henrico de Rodington tunc maiore ...Joh. Keling accupatus quod ipse emit pannum siccum brochiatum¹ ab vno textore scilicet a Symone Comyn contra libertatem Gilde.

North side of the said row, whether they have there (to wit in the said row) their wool and their fells or not, and that none of them may leave the said fair until he shall have made payment for seldage, to wit according to what it belongs to him to pay, or until he appoint a man who may make satisfaction for him for seldage. And if any should contravene this provision, he shall remain in the Gild's mercy in one cask of ale.

Of money paid for debts of the community of Leicester, at the sitting in Lent, 45 Hen. III., to Henry Hileme for bread.

They who were present in the Gild said in common that they would not enroll expenses of this kind, but spend as a rule without enrolment.

Robert of the Dovecote charged that he took freestones without licence from the hall of the Gild, and carried them to his house, to do with them what he liked, to the damage and dishonour of the Gild and of the community of Leicester. He pledged mercy (2 pledges). He is amerced at 1*s*.

Henry of Ruddington then being Mayor...John Keling charged that he bought dry cloth calendered (?) by a weaver, to wit from Simon Comyn, against the

¹ See note above, pp. 72, 90. The Act 5 Hen. VIII. 4. § 1 forbade the dry-calendering of worsted and suffered only wet-calendering.

Inuadiauit unam cuuatam ceruisie : plegii (2). Soluit pro ipsa misericordia xii*d.* et quietus est.

[Will. le Tayllur de Carleton enters.]

Hugo Pite filius Willelmi Pite intrauit in Gildam et vendicauit sedem patris sui et quia nomen dicti Willelmi Pite fuit inuentum in isto rotulo sine aliqua certitudine de suo introitu in Gildam, et fuit in dubio vtrum fuit in Gilda vel non, idem Hugo Pite fecit finem de suo introitu pro iis.: vnde soluet ad istam sedem xii*d.* et ad primam sedem post pascha xii*d.*; plegii [2 named] etc.

[v^o.] [1262.] Isti ut dicitur possunt intrare in Gildam : †Nic. qui est cum Roberto de Croxton†, Will. Bercharius extra portam Australem, †Hugo le Bray†, Walt. parmentarius. Galf. fil. Herberti habet diem vsque ad proximam sedem post pascha anno XLVI. Tho. le ridere, Hen. Cirotecarius, Joh. tinctor, Hen. de Marisco, Hen. Keling, Will. le Despenser, John Glide. (The last four have respite.)

[r^o.] [Feb. 14, 1262.] (Henry of Ruddington, Mayor,) *Hugo le Mirie¹, *Hugo cum naso, Nic. de Esseby de la Suche, Joh. le dextere fil. Tho. tinctoris² (s. p.), Will. de S. Albano, marescallus domini comitis (pledged £1 and a bull, made fine for the 20*s.* by 5*s.* Three pledges of the bull).

[v^o.] [March, 1262.] De denariis solutis de debitis communitatis Leycestrie ad sedem in quadragesima a. r. r. Henrici XLVI^o.

liberty of the Gild. He pledged one cask of ale : 2 pledges. He paid for this mercy 1*s.* and is quit.

Hugh Pite son of William Pite came into the Gild and claimed the seat of his father, and because the name of the said William Pite was found in this roll without any certainty of his entrance into the Gild, and it was in doubt whether he was in the Gild or not, the said Hugh Pite made fine for his entrance by 2*s.*, whereof he shall pay at this sitting 1*s.* and at the first sitting after Easter 1*s.* Pledges.

It is said that these can enter the Gild : Nicholas who is with Robert of Croxton, William the Shepherd outside the South gate, Hugh le Bray, Walter the parminter. Geoffrey Herbert's son has day till the sitting next after Easter 46 Hen. III. Thomas the Rider, Henry the Glover, John the Dyer, Henry of the Marsh, (and as above).

Of money paid for the debts of the community of Leicester at the sitting in Lent, 46 Hen. III.

¹ The Merry.

² This entry goes to prove that 'le dextere' is 'le deystere,' the dyer or litster. "Deister" was the form in use at Northampton. See Records, I. 210.

Henrico Hileme pro pane, vis. viiid. ob., Ricardo Crowe pro vino, iiis., Willelmo le Waleys pro vino, viis. xd. per manus suorum Tabernariorum, Henrico de Rodington pro vino, xxs. iiid. per manum sui Tabernarii, Henrico Houhil pro vino, xvid. per manum sui Tabernarii, Henrico Griffyn, Clerico, xviiid.

[vº.] [June 16, 1262.] De debitis in quibus communitas Leycestrie tenebatur per particulas die veneris in vigilia S. Botulfi a. r. r. Henrici XLVIº.

Domino Regi pro communi ammerciamento Leycestrie xx marc. Pro reparacione iiii portarum et murorum¹ Leycestrie iiil. xixs. iiid. ob., vt patet per particulas in rotulo de compoto Symonis de Cotes. Item pro reparacione portarum Leycestrie, de prisa lignorum et de ferramento, vt patet per particulas in rotulo de prisa Nicholai le Burgeys, Alexandri le debonner (and three others) xlvs. iid. ob. Item Henrico de Rodington, de denariis quos ille accomodauit ad reparacionem pontium Leycestrie et ad plures expensas pro communitate Leycestrie et ad justiciariorum clericos et hostiarios, scilicet clericis et hostiariis iiil. viis. viid. et ad pontes Leycestrie xliis. xid. ob. et ad minutas expensas pro communitate Leycestrie, scilicet hominibus qui ibant ad Boscum pro ligno ad portas, et ad ipsas portas dependendas xviiid. ob. Et pro barillis et picheriis et in mercede vnus garcionis,

To Henry Hileme for bread, 6s. 8½d. To Richard Crowe for wine, 4s. To William the Welshman for wine, 8s. 10d. by the hands of his taverners. To Henry of Ruddington for wine, 20s. 4d. by the hand of his taverner. To Henry Houhil for wine, 1s. 4d. by the hand of his taverner. To Henry Griffin, clerk, 1s. 6d.

Of debts which were owed by the community of Leicester, by particulars, on Friday the eve of St Botolph's, 46 Hen. III.

To the Lord King for a general amercement of Leicester, £13. 6s. 8d. For the repair of the four gates and of the walls of Leicester, £4. 19s. 4½d., as appears by the particulars in Simon of Cotes' roll of account. For repair of the gates of Leicester, for taking of wood and of iron, as appears by particulars in the roll of the prise of Nicholas the Burgess, Alexander Le Debonnair (and three others), £2. 5s. 2½d. To Henry of Ruddington for money which he lent for the repair of the bridges of Leicester, and for many expenses for the community of Leicester and for the clerks and ushers of the Justices: To wit to clerks and ushers £4. 17s. 7d. and to Leicester bridges £2. 2s. 11½d. and for small expenses on behalf of the community of Leicester: to wit for the men who went to the Wood for wood for the gates and for hanging these gates, 1s. 5½d. And for barrels and pitchers and in the hire of a groom who

¹ Corr. from *pontium*.

qui ibat pro communitate Leycestrie ad S. Botulfum pro vino viis. viiid. ob. Et pro cariagio iii doleorum vini de S. Botulfo xxiiis. xid. ob. et cariagium quarti dolei fuit acquietatum de Bursa Gilde. Et pro lxi sextariis et una lagena vini missis ad justiciarios pro communitate Leycestrie et pro vno doleo vini empto ab eodem ad justiciarios pro communitate Leycestrie vii. xiis. iiiid.

Summa denariorum debitorum dicto Henrico xvi. viis.: habet totum et villa inde quietatur.

Willelmo le Waleys pro vno doleo vini empto ab illo ad justiciarios pro communitate Leycestrie lxiis. q^t. Waltero le Engleys de S. Botulfo pro iii doleis vini ab eo emptis et superius nominatis viii. xvs. q^t. Andree de Wateberg pro portagio et reportacione picheriorum et barillorum xvid. ob. Inde allocantur ei xiid. de suo tallagio et habet residuum de Bursa Gilde: q^t. Pistoribus pro pane iii. xixs. iiiid. q^t.

In expensis Henrici de Rodington et Henrici Houhil et Willelmi le Waleys apud Warewik pro communitate Leycestrie vs. viid. et pro allocacione equi Symonis de Beby xviii. vnde Hen. Houhil habebit vs. viid. et Symon de Beby xviii. quietantur. Item communitas Leycestrie tenetur dicto Henrico Houhil dim. marc. quam accomodauit ad pontes: q^t.

went on behalf of the community of Leicester to Boston for wine, 7s. 8½d. And for the carriage of 3 tuns of wine from Boston, £1. 4s. 11½d., and the carriage of the fourth tun was discharged from the Gild purse. And for 61 sextaries¹ and a gallon of wine sent to the Justices on behalf of the community of Leicester, and for a tun of wine bought from the same for the Justices, on behalf of the community of Leicester, £6. 12s. 4d.

The total of money due to the said Henry £15. 7s. 0d.: he has it all and the town is quit thereof. To William the Welshman for a tun of wine bought of him for the Justices on behalf of the community of Leicester £3. 2s. 0d. paid. To Walter the Englishman of Boston for 4 tuns of wine bought of him and named above, £8. 15s. 0d. paid. To Andrew of Whatborough for carrying and bringing back the pitchers and barrels 1s. 4½d. Thereof 1s. is allowed him from his tallage and he has the rest from the Gild purse: paid. To bakers for bread £4. 19s. 3d. paid.

In expenses of Henry of Ruddington and Henry Houhil and William the Welshman at Warwick on behalf of the community of Leicester 5s. 7d., and for Simon of Beeby's horse-hire, 1s. 6d., whereof Henry Houhil shall have 5s. 7d. and Simon of Beeby 1s. 6d.: paid. The community of Leicester owes

¹ See note 4, p. 81.

Rad. de Saxeby debet de Elemosina collecta ad pontes vid. (1 pledge).

[1^{ro}.] [Feb. 14, 1263.] (Henry of Ruddington mayor,) Joh. de Northfolc le mercer, Hen. de Lubbestorp, Phil. de Couentre, Rob. de Quorindon, *Pet. Bene, *Hen. Keling, †*Ric. de Merkingfeld, Hugo de Anesty†.

[Feb. 21, 1263.] Rog. Aldith, quia deliquerat verbis stultis et turpibus contra Henricum de Rodington maiorem et contra Petrum Blundum prepositum Leycestrie, nolens eos procedere contra illum in querela pro ipsis transgressionibus, vadiauit eis misericordiam et inuenit eis die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Petri in cathedra A.D. MCCLX secundo (2 pledges), ad satisfaciendum eis inde per visum bonorum virorum.

Dictus Rog. fecit finem de ipsa misericordia, scilicet dicto Henrico pro xxs., et dicto Petro pro xxs.; et iidem Hen. et Pet. posuerunt totum in respectu. Ita scilicet quod si contigerit ipsum Rogerum de cetero delinquere contra dictum Henricum, soluet eidem Henrico xxs., et si contra ipsum Petrum, soluet eidem Petro xxs. sicut purum debitum.

On the same day Nic. fil. Martini charged that he sold bad wool mixed with good; confessed; fine 4s. Entries: Will. le despenser, †Tho. de Esfordeby†, *Joh. Glide fil. Radulfi Glide, *Galf. fil. Herberti, Hen. de Alrewas, Joh. de Scharneford, Nic. de Hawethyrne¹, Rob. de Egilton, Walt. de Lidinton, Will. Prudfot de Havthirne, *Hen. de Marisco fil. Reginaldi de Caludon, Hen. fil. Thome de Rolea (2s.), Pet. de Empingham, †*Rog. le Taylur fil. Willelmi de Tamwurth†, *Pet. Vmfrey fil. Nicholai filii Vmfridi, Tho. le Ridere, *Hen. Prest.

the said Henry Houhil half a mark which he lent for the bridges: paid. Ralph of Saxby owes 6*d.* from alms collected at the bridges.

Roger Aldith, because he was guilty of silly and base words against Henry of Ruddington, Mayor, and against Peter the White, reeve of Leicester, wishing that they should not proceed against him in a plea for these trespasses, pledged them mercy, and found them on Wednesday next before the feast of St Peter's chair 1262 (2 pledges) to make satisfaction to them therefor by view of good men. The said Roger made fine for that mercy, to wit to the said Henry for 20s. and to the said Peter for 20s., and the said Henry and Peter put all in respite, on condition that if it should happen that this Roger should offend again against the said Henry, he shall pay to the said Henry 20s. and if against the said Peter, he shall pay to the said Peter 20s. as pure debt.

¹ Hathern.

[v^o.] [1262-3.] ¹De ls. et xd. quos Tho. le Turnur debet communitati Leycestrie de sua recepta de quarterio Boreali de tallagio assiso in Leycestria a. r. r. Henrici XL. sexto in estate. Rob. Vvri manucepit pro ipso Thoma ad soluendum communitati Leycestrie die S. Petri ad vincula secundo² sequente xxs. (2 pledges) q^t.

Idem Tho. inuenit istos plegios (3 others) ad soluendum communitati Leycestrie xxxs. xd. die S. Michaelis (1263).

Will. de Blaby debet de dimidia marca de suo tallagio ad opus pontium iiis. (etc.).

Will. de Schelton fullo conuictus super defectum fullacionis vnus panni de Blueto ad magnum detrimentum Ricardi de Schelton cuius ipse pannus fuit: vadiauit Gilde dimidiam marcam: plegii (2): prima transgressio ipsius W.: perdonantur ei inde viiis. et soluet vis. ad tres sedes (etc.).

[1264.] Hugo Ogodishalve manucepit ad intrandum in Gildam ad primam sedem post pascha A.D. MCCLX^oIIII^{to} sub pena dim. marc. Hugo Fraunceys similiter; habet respectum.

[v^o.] [Jan. 30, 1264.] A.D. MCCLX^otercio, a. r. r. Henrici filii Regis Johannis XL^o octauo. Die Jouis proxima ante festum purificationis beate Marie; In pleno morspechio, per communitatem Gilde

Of £2. 10s. 10d. which Thomas the Turner owes the community of Leicester of his receipt from the North quarter for a tallage assessed in Leicester 46 Hen. III., in the summer. Robert Urry became mainprise for this Thomas to pay the community of Leicester on the day of St Peter in Chains the second next following £1. Pledges. Paid.

The same Thomas found these three pledges (named) to pay £1. 10s. 10d. to the community at Michaelmas (1263).

William of Blaby owes 4s. of half a mark for his tallage for the use of the bridges (etc.).

William of Shilton, fuller, convicted of the defective fulling of a blue cloth to the great damage of Richard of Shilton whose cloth it was: he pledged half a mark to the Gild. Pledges. The first trespass of this W.; 8d. thereof are pardoned to him and he shall pay 6s. at three sittings (etc.).

Hugh Ogodishalve pledged to enter the Gild at the first sitting after Easter 1264 A.D. under a penalty of half a mark. Hugh the Frenchman similarly; he has respite.

A.D. 1263. In 48 Hen. III. on Thursday next before Candlemas in full morningspeech, it was provided and agreed in common by the community of

¹ This passage is in the same hands as entries of this date on the recto.

² *Secundo* added.

mercatorum Leycestrie communiter fuit prouisum et concessum quod de cetero nullus eorum faciet pannos persos nisi de Lana alba et Wayda et Cineribus et sine aliqua admixtione Lane nigre seu grise lane, seu Warancie seu alume. Et si quis contra ipsam prouisionem venerit et super hoc conuictus fuerit amittat pannum contra ipsam prouisionem factum similiter et lanam: et amittat libertates Gilde per vnum annum et vnum diem, et erit ipse pannus et lana illa ad voluntatem et ad comodum Gilde.

Dicitur quod isti habuerunt societatem cum extraneis in vendicione Lane tempore Lauacionis proximo preterito contra libertatem Gylde (6 names, including Curteys Kepegest).

Hen. Le mercer de Belegraua (non est in Gilda) pro scisione et vendicione cere per particulas contra libertates Gilde: vadiauit misericordiam *xiid*.

Hen. de Foxton, quia communicauit cum extraneis in vendicione Lane tempore Lauacionis proximo preterito pro Lucro inde equaliter diuidendo inter eos, vadiauit misericordiam *iis*.

[v^o.] Isti deliquerunt contra predictam prouisionem de pannis persis faciendis sine admixtione Lane nigre, et Warancie et alume.

Rob. de Welton accupatus quod warenciauit¹ et bulliuit in aluma

the Gild of Merchants of Leicester that henceforth none of them shall make perse-coloured cloth except with white wool and woad and crude tartar, and without any admixture of black wool or grey wool, or madder or alum². And if any shall contravene this rule and shall be convicted of this, let him lose the cloth made against this rule together with the wool, and let him lose the liberties of the Gild for a year and a day, and the cloth and the wool shall be at the pleasure and at the service of the Gild.

It is said that these kept company with strangers in the sale of wool at the time of the washing last past against the liberty of the Gild. (6 names.)

Henry the Mercer of Belgrave (he is not in the Gild) for cutting and selling wax by retail against the liberties of the Gild: he pledged mercy, *1s*.

Henry of Foxton, because he communicated with strangers in selling wool in the time of washing last past, the profits thereof to be equally divided between them, pledged mercy, *2s*.

These offended against the aforesaid provision about making perse-coloured cloth without admixture of black wool and madder and alum: (no names).

Robert of Welton charged that he dyed in madder and boiled wool in

¹ Deleted.

² On the method of dyeing blue by fermentation in contact with lime or soda or potash, see *Enc. Brit.* art. dyeing. To produce blue, indigo, woad, madder, bran and lime are all used together in Yorkshire at the present day.

Lanam: non defendit verba accupamenti secundum consuetudinem Gilde: vadiauit misericordiam: fecit finem pro iiiis.: plegii Joh. Wineger et Pet. Blundus. Et Pet. Blundus et Pet. Keling iurauerunt quod idem Rob. warenciauit Lanam postquam fuit dicta prouisio facta: et postquam ipse iurauit ad seruandum ipsam prouisionem (etc.), (fine 4s.).

[Thurs. Jan. 30, 1264. H. de Rodington, Majore, †Rob. de Welton, Math. Curtomer le Spicer, †, *Hen. Brunman. Feb. 5. Joh. Bachiler, Rob. de Sileby le Mercer.] †Rob. de Boseworth...vadiavit xxs. et taurum: fecit finem de xxs. pro vs. soluit iis. vi^d.: et allocantur ei alii iis. vi^d. pro xiiii plankis ab eo emptis ad portam australem. †. Adam de Brinkelowe...xxs. et fecit finem pro vs....Plegii Joh. Dodeman, Hugo ad Solerium. Inde soluit dictus Adam dicto Hugoni iis. viii^d. pro salmone empto ad presenciam pro communitate Gilde (etc.). [Also †Ric. le Taylur de Stanevord † enters. Feb. 6. Hen. de Foxton, *Pet. le Massun, Will. Stiuord de Foxton. Feb. 7. Will. de Barkiston carpentarius, Rog. le Taylur fil. Willelmi de Tamwurth, Will. primogenitus filius Willelmi Longstaf (s. p.), Ric. de Ibestoke, pistor, *Tho. de Outheby, *Joh. de Wytewike cordewanarius, Will. Panne, Ernaldus de Molendino, Will. de Belegraua le cunreur, Bertramus de Couentre, *Hugo de Sileby fil. Willelmi de Sileby, Rob. Love de Belgraua, Will. Pays de Hocton. Friday, Feb. 28. Joh. de Knyttcote.]

[v^o.] [Feb. 20, 1264.] Margeria filia Henrici Dike, die Jouis proxima ante festum Cathedre S. Petri A.D. MCCLX tercio, capta pro¹

alum: he did not deny the words of the charge according to the custom of the Gild; he pledged mercy, made fine for 4s. (2 pledges), John Wineger and Peter the White. And Peter the White and Peter Keling swore that this Robert dyed wool in madder after the said provision was made, and after he swore to keep that rule (etc.).

Robert of Bosworth...pledged 20s. and the bull; made fine for the 20s. at 5s.; paid 2s. 6^d. and the other 2s. 6^d. is allowed him for 14 planks bought of him for the South gate.

Adam of Brinklow...20s., and made fine for 5s. Pledges: John Dodeman and Hugh of the Upper chamber. Thereof the said Adam paid the said Hugh 2s. 8^d. for the salmon bought for a present on behalf of the community of the Gild (etc.).

Margery daughter of Henry Dike² on Thursday next before the feast of St Peter's chair, A.D. 1263, was taken for wool worth 3^d. which she had

¹ Corr. from *quia*.

² A gild member, see above.

lana precii *iiid.* quam illa malo modo ceperat: et quia illa bis pro transgressionibus iniustis abiurauerat villam Leycestrie et semel habuit pillorium, die predicto coram communitate Leycestrie per Juratores Leycestrie adiudicatum fuit pro capcione dicte lane auriculam eius abscidi et coram communitate Leycestrie sic tercio abiuravit villam Leycestrie, ita quod si de cetero redeat et possit in Leycestria inueniri aliud portabit iudicium quod non licet scribi¹.

Memorandum quod (date as above) a Nicholao Le Chaluner fuerunt exacti *vid.* de vno ammerciamento ad quos scilicet ille fuit ammerciatus per Gildam pro eo quod tixuit pannum fullibilem contra libertatem Gilde et contra suum iuramentum quod fecit quando intrauit in Gildam: Et dictus Nic. ipso die venit in pleno morspechio et maior exegit ab eo dictos *vid.* et dictus Nic. respondens dixit maiori: vis me fugare de Leycestria? multum indiges meis *vid.*, et aliis verbis multum vilificauit et exacerbauit maiorem et communitatem Gilde: et sic maior dixit dicto Nicholao excommunicacionem² dei possis habere: et ille respondens dixit maiori: pone excommunicacionem² tuam vbi ponis cetera bona tua.

wrongfully taken: and because she had abjured the town of Leicester twice over for wrong doings and had the pillory once, on the aforesaid day, in the presence of the community of Leicester she was adjudged by the Jurors of Leicester for taking the said wool to have her ear cut off, and in the presence of the community of Leicester thus she abjured the town of Leicester a third time, so that if she again return and be found in Leicester, she shall bring (on herself) the other judgment which is not to be written.

Memorandum that *6d.* was exacted from Nicholas the Chaloner³ for an amercement, to wit that for which he was amerced by the Gild because he wove fullable cloth against the liberty of the Gild and against his oath which he made when he entered the Gild. And the said Nicholas on that day came into full morningspeech and the Mayor required from him the said *6d.*, and the said Nicholas, answering, said to the Mayor: "Do you want to drive me from Leicester? you need my *6d.* so much." And with other words he greatly abused and annoyed the Mayor and the community of the Gild. And so the Mayor said to the said Nicholas, "Thou mayst have the excommunication of God." And he answering said to the Mayor, "Put your excommunication where you put your other goods."

¹ I cannot explain. It can hardly be the "cathedra stercoris" or cucking-stool.

² Corr. from *maledixionem*.

³ Coverlet maker.

[r^o.] [Thurs. Jan. 15, 1265. H. de Rodington, Majore, *Hen. Abouetun, Joh. fil. Hugonis Tulle (s. p.); Jan. 16, Gervasius de Cusington, *Will. fil. Willelmi filii Hugonis, †Will. de Billisdon, Rog. de Friseby†, Rob. Wisdom de Knytton, Rob. de Somirdeby, †Dauid de Houby†, *Laur. le seler, *Will. Scheyle le cutiler, Laur. Seman (s. p.), (son of Laur. Seman).]

[v^o.] [Wed. Jan. 21, 1265.] A.D. MCCLX quarto in pleno more-specchio tento die S. Agnetis¹ fuit prouisum et concessum et pronunciatum quod textores qui volunt tixere in Leycestria bene possunt tixere tam per noctem quam per diem, ita tamen quod nullus defectus sit in opere suo; et capient ad quamlibet vlnam cuiuslibet generis panni obolum, exceptis omnibus Russetis, et capient ad quamlibet vlnam Russeti iiiq^{a2}: et non tixent aliquem pannum villarum campestrium dum possint habere sufficienter opus suum de hominibus Leycestrie, et cum habuerint defectum operis sui de hominibus Leycestrie monstrabunt ipsum defectum ii hominibus de Gilda Leycestrie, qui ad hoc erunt assignati et per visum illorum pro defectu pannorum Leycestrie tixent pannum forinsecorum.

[Jan. 23, 1265.] Rog. de Kildisby textor pro defectu texture vnus panni Marie Le Stabler vadiauit misericordiam Gylde die veneris proxima post octabas Epiphanie a. r. r. Henrici XLIX. et ponitur in respectu pro paupertate, sed exigatur cum habeat vnde possit inde satisfacere.

A.D. 1264, in full morningspeech held on St Agnes' day, it was provided and agreed and published that the weavers who wish to weave in Leicester may weave both by night and by day, but so that no defect may be in their work: and they shall take for each yard of whatever kind of cloth $\frac{1}{2}d.$, except for all russets; and shall take for each yard of russet $\frac{3}{4}d.$: and they shall not weave any cloth of country villages as long as they may be able to have enough work from the men of Leicester, and if they should have a scarcity of work from the men of Leicester, they shall point out this scarcity to two men of the Gild of Leicester who shall be appointed for this purpose, and by their view, when there is a scarcity of Leicester cloth, they shall weave the cloth of strangers.

Roger of Kilsby, weaver, for defective weaving of a cloth belonging to Mary the Ostler pledged mercy of the Gild on Friday next after the octave of Epiphany 49 Hen. III. and it is put in respite on account of poverty, but let it be exacted when he has anything to pay with.

¹ Presumably the first feast.

² Cf. the regulations for fullers, 1260, p. 90.

†Dicitur quod isti textores fecerunt per se quandam prouisionem de textura contra communitatem Gylde mercatorum†.

[r^o.] [Friday, Jan. 23, 1265, *Sym. Glide fil. Radulfi Glide, Hen. de Hinkele, Rob. de Dalby.] Walt. le Brune junior intrauit in Gildam. Et quia pater suus fuit in Gilda et Walt. frater eius debuit habuisse sedem patris sui et concessit ei ipsam sedem, dabit pro suo introitu xviii*d*. [Pet. Trunchun fil. Ricardi Trunchun (s. p.), *Joh. Caritas fil. Willelmi Caritas, Sym. Caritas fil. Willelmi Caritas (s. p.).]

[Wed. Jan. 28, 1265.] Godefridus de Scharneton, Tho. de Bellagraua, *Alex. fil. Ricardi ad fontem, Joh. de Aylisham...vadiauit xxs. et taurum: fecit finem pro xs....assignatur dictus Joh. ad soluendum illos xs. Roberto de Scharneford pro communitate Leycestrie.

[Wed. Feb. 4, 1265.] *Adam Cokinbred, Joh. de Burton, Will. fil. Johannis filii Ade (s. p.).

[v^o.] [Feb. 5, 1265.] Die S. Agathe virginis anno predicto Rog. Sivekere de Knytton, Walt. de Beby et Pet. de Beby acoupati quod contra libertates Gilde tulerunt in Leycestriam vlnam, et pannum lineum scindebant et vendebant per vlnam et dimidiam, et abiurauerunt huiusmodi factum de cetero.

[r^o.] [Tues. Feb. 10, 1265, Will. fil. Sampsonis Freman de Bagwurth, Will. fil. Yuonis de Cusington (s. p.), entered.]

[v^o.] [Fri. Feb. 13, 1265.] De rem[anenti]. De communitate ville die veneris proxima ante diem S. Valentini a. r. r. Henrici XLIX^o v chatene maiores et minores et i frustrum ferri. In custodia maioris.

It is said that these weavers made by themselves a certain provision about weaving, against the community of the Gild of merchants.

Walter the Brown Junior entered the Gild. And because his father was in the Gild and Walter his brother ought to have had the seat of his father, and granted him that seat, he shall pay for his entrance 1*s*. 6*d*.

John of Aylsham pledged 20*s*. and the bull: he made fine for 10*s*.: the said John is ordered to pay those 10*s*. to Robert of Sharnford on behalf of the community of Leicester.

On the day of St Agatha, virgin, in the aforesaid year, Roger Siveker of Knighton, Walter and Peter of Beeby, charged that against the liberties of the Gild they brought a yard(-measure) into Leicester and cut linen-cloth and sold it by the yard and half (yard) and they abjured this kind of deed in future.

Of a remainder. Belonging to the community of the town on Friday next before St Valentine's day, 49 Hen. III., 5 big and little chains and one piece of iron in the keeping of the Mayor.

[r^o.] [Tues. Feb. 24, 1265.] Will. Plane...soluit *xxd.* Johanni ad portam versus suum debitum de vna vacca. [Ric. Leveyeve and Will. Plane enter.]

[r^o.] [Friday, Feb. 9, 1268, Hen. of Roddington being Mayor, Joh. de Rolea fil. Thome de Rolea (s. p.), Ranulphus Levte de Bromwich in Ardren', Rog. le furbeur¹, Nic. cocus de Sowe, Rad. Mikillove, Will. Lefthand fil. Rogeri (s. p.) enter.]

[v^o.] [Feb. 10, 1268.] Alicia Bruning quondam vxor Radulfi Russel decimo die Februarii a. g. MCCLX septimo in sua libera viduitate quietum clamauit omnino Roberto Mey i par albarum cyrothecarum annui redditus quod ipsa Alicia annuatim recipere debuit de quadam terra quam Ric. frater eiusdem Alicie vendidit Henrico Schaune.

[Wed. Feb. 21, 1268, Joh. de Thurkeston, Ric. de Haluton (s. p.), (son of Tho. de Haluton). Feb. 23, *Reg. Leke, *Rog. Curteys, Ric. de Segraua, Will. Alsi (s. p.), (pays his father's entry, *2s.*). Feb. 24, Will. le Mustarder, *Joh. Sturdi iunior, *Rad. Lefthand, Ric. Wintir, *Alex. Le Tanur, Joh. de Sileby.]

[v^o.] [Mar. 1267 or Mar. 1268.] De denariis receptis et positis in Bursa Gilde a. g. MCCLX septimo de tallagiis factis de redempcione Leycestrie². [Payments from Eliz. de Perers, Maria de Stocton, the Prior of Hinckley and the Abbot of Croxton.]

[v^o.] [Mar. 9, 1268.] Hen. de Wigorn, die IX. Martii, a. r. r. Henrici LII. replegiauit namia Willelmi fratris sui, ita quod idem Will. uel dictus Hen. pro illo in proximo aduentu Domini W. Bagot

William Plane...paid *20d.* to John at the gate towards his debt of one cow.

Alice Browning sometime the wife of Ralph Russel, 10 Feb. 1267, in her free widowhood quitclaimed wholly to Robert Mey a pair of white gloves, the annual rent-charge which this Alice annually ought to receive from a certain land which Richard the brother of this Alice sold to Henry Schaune.

Of moneys received and put in the Gild purse 1267, from tallages made for the redemption of Leicester.

Henry of Worcester on March 9, 52 Hen. III., repledged the sureties of William his brother, so that the said W. or Henry for him, shall make satisfaction at the next coming of Sir W. Bagot³, according to the decision of the

¹ Furbisher of arms.

² This was probably the fine of 500 marks "*pro pace regis habenda*" which is referred to on the Pipe Rolls of 49 and 54 Hen. III. "*Burgenses Leycestrie scilicet pro se ipsis et tenentibus episcopi et tenentibus abbatis de Leycestria in eadem villa d. marcas de fine pro pace regis habenda.*" I am indebted to Miss F. H. Durham for this reference.

³ One of the judges.

secundum consideracionem ipsius W. Bagot, satisfaciet de porcionibus super dictum positis de fine de redempcione Leycestrie: plegii (2).

[r^o.] [Thurs. Jan. 24, 1269, H. de Rodington, Majore. Alex. Lorimarius de Scharneford, Will. Boltere, Hen. fil. Walteri filii Hugonis (s. p.), Ric. de Wikingiston, †Rob. Sabyn†, Joh. fil. Willelmi Peyn in angulo (s. p.), †Nic. de Mardefeld†, Sym. de Rerisby.] Hen. de Cusington intrauit. Plegii Joh. Pictor, Nic. Burgeys. Ita tamen quod dictus Joh. manucepit ad plenarie acquietandum dictum Nicholaum de ipso plegiagio. [Also Rad. Fode, Ric. Fode (pay 3s. together), Hugo Cissor de Neubold.]

[v^o.] [Thurs. Jan. 31, 1269.] Rob. de Scharneford manucepit ad soluendum communitati Gilde...pro Willelmo mustarder et pro Rogero Le furbeur de suo introitu in gildam: q^t pro solucione facta persone de Belegraua pro vino empto ab eo ad comunam ville Leycestrie.

Will. Iring respondeat de iiiis. viii*d*. quos debet Gilde pro panno et de ii tallagiis viii*s*. vi*d*. et de plegio Roberti Loue de suo introitu Gilde vs.: q^t pro solucione facta persone predicte pro vino.

Will. le Waleys respondeat de xxxs. de duobus tallagiis: q^t pro solucione facta persone predicte pro vino.

[v^o.] [Feb. 21, 1269.] Die Jouis proxima ante festum S. Mathie apostoli a. r. r. Henrici LIII., in pleno morspechio Will. Iring vilibus verbis et grossis vilificauit Alexandrum Deboner et etiam dixit quod fuit conuictus de falsitate coram domino Anketillo de Martiuall et

said W. Bagot, for the amounts apportioned to him for the fine for the redemption of Leicester. Pledges.

Henry of Cossington entered. Pledges John the Painter, Nic. the Burgess, so that the said John pledged himself to acquit the said Nic. fully from his plevin.

Rob. of Sharnford gave pledge to pay to the community of the Gild...for Will. the Mustarder and Roger the Furbisher's entry into the Gild; quit by payment made to the parson of Belgrave for wine bought from him for the commune of the town of Leicester.

Let Will. Iring answer for 4*s*. 8*d*. which he owes to the Gild for bread and for two tallages 8*s*. 6*d*. And for the pledge of Robert Love for his entry into the Gild 5*s*.; quit by payment made to the aforesaid parson for wine.

Let Will. the Welshman answer for 30*s*. for two tallages: quit by payment made to the aforesaid parson for wine.

On Thursday next before the feast of St Matthias the Apostle, 53 Hen. III., in full morningspeech, William Iring with gross and base words vilified Alexander Debonnair and also said that he was convicted of cheating¹ before

¹ "Falsitas" usually means 'forgery,' but these Leicester clerks are not skilled in law language. W. H. S.

multis verbis vilibus et grossis multum exacerbauit maiorem et communitatem Gilde. Et maior accupauit super hoc dictum W(illemum) et dictus W. non defendit verba accupamenti et vadiauit vnam cuuatam ceruisie: plegius, Rob. de Scharneford.

[v^o.] [Feb. 5, 1270.] A. g. MCCLXIX die quinto Februarii Will. Penifot fullo pro magno defectu suo...de fullacione vnus panni... vadiauit i cuuatam ceruisie Gilde. (Pledges.)

Alex. ad fontem accupatus quod in nundinis S. Botulphi proximis preteritis coram pluribus diffamauit vilibus verbis maiorem et Balliuos et Juratos Leycestrie: vnde noluerunt habere pudorem pro i cuuata ceruisie: diffitebatur totum et vadiauit Legem (pledges).

Ric. piscator pro eo quod contra consuetudinem et libertatem Gylde fecit iniustam districtionem pro firma sua: scilicet per lanam in opere. Inuadiauit i cuuatam ceruisie (pledges).

[v^o.] [Jan. 22, 1271.] A. r. r. Henrici LV. scilicet a. g. MCCLXX, die S. Vincentii, isti fuerunt electi ad veniendum ad omnes summoniciones Maioris ad consilia et negocia communitatis Gilde, si sint in villa; et qui in villa fuerit et summonitus fuerit et non venerit, neque licenciam habuerit a maiore de eius absencia, dabit Gilde nomine amerciamenti *viā*. sine aliquo remedio: scilicet Rob. de

Sir Anketil de Martivall, and with many vile and abominable words he greatly annoyed the Mayor and community of the Gild. And the Mayor charged the said William with this and the said William did not defend¹ the words of the charge and he pledged a cask of ale. Pledge, Robert of Sharnford.

In the year of grace 1269 on Feb. 5, Will. Pennyfoot, fuller, for very defective fulling of a cloth...pledged a cask of ale to the Gild.

Alexander at the Well charged that in Boston fair last past in the presence of many he defamed with base words the Mayor and bailiffs and Jurats of Leicester: whereof they would not have the dishonour for a cask of ale. He denied all and pledged law.

Richard the Fisher for that against the custom and liberty of the Gild he made an unjust distrain² for his ferm²: to wit by wool in work. He pledged 1 cask of ale.

In 55 Hen. III., to wit in the year of grace 1270, on St Vincent's Day, these were chosen to come at all summonses of the Mayor to the councils and business of the community of the Gild, if they are in the town, and whoever shall be in the town and be summoned, and shall not come, and not have licence for his absence from the Mayor, shall give 6*d*. to the Gild under the name of amercement, without any remedy: to wit (as above).

¹ I.e. deny.

² Or "rent."

Scharneford, Pet. Blundus, Will. le Waleys, Will. Prudfot, And. de Wateberg, Bertram le Cruze, Walt. le Brune, Alex. Persun, Will. Leffe, Will. Tabur, Ric. de Waynhus, Helias filius Walteri, †Nic. filius Martini†, Ric. de Blaby, Hen. de Morton, Matthias Fode, Rad. Saby, Nic. Burgeys, Pet. Keling, Hen. de Foxton, Hen. de Louseby, Joh. de Knyttcote, Helyas de Wilie, Phil. le Turnur, Rog. de Sileby, Will. Le Engleys¹.

†Dicto die S. Vincentii, Tho. le Ridere fuit acoupatus per maiorem quod contra prohibicionem Maioris et communitalis Gilde tenuit secum in societate in empcone et vendicione Walterum de Welham'; vadiauit misericordiam, scilicet i cuuatam ceruisie: plegii (2)†.

[r^o.] [Fri. Feb. 20, 1271.] Morespchio Gylde Commune Lecestrie (etc.), Alexandro Le deboner tunc maiore: Ric. de Hedun, Will. de Wiluby enter.]

[v^o.] [Mar. 2, 1271.] Memorandum quod, die Lune proxima post festum S. Mathie, apostoli, a. g. MCC septuagesimo, Ric. le Cutiler seruans de suburbio orientali in pleno portmanmoot produxit secum istos fideiussores suos subscriptos, qui se concesserunt esse eius fideiussores sicut prius fuerunt de Sergantya de dicto suburbio fideliter seruanda, scilicet: Rob. de Wytewik, Hen. de Wytewik et Rob. Sele, qui manuceperunt pro dicto Ricardo ad omnia fideliter seruanda ipsam sergantyam qualicunque modo tangencia sine aliquo defectu.

[r^o.] [On Tuesday, March 3, 1271, enter *Will. Mile, Hugo Longus, Will. de Lidinton, Sym. de Endredeby.]

[v^o.] [Tues. Mar. 24, 1271.] Et in vigilia annunciacionis beate Marie proximo sequente, Will. de Thringiston de quarterio australi, in pleno morespchio inuenit istos fideiussores, scilicet [3 names], de

On the said day of St Vincent, Thomas the Rider was charged by the Mayor that, contrary to the prohibition of the Mayor and the community of the Gild, he kept Walter of Welham in his company in buying and selling: he pledged mercy, to wit, one cask of ale: pledges.

Memorandum that on Monday next after the feast of St Matthias, Apostle, in 1270, Richard the Cutler serjeant of the East suburb in full Portmanmoot produced with himself these his pledges underwritten who agreed to be his sureties as they were before, for faithfully keeping the serjeanty of the said suburb: to wit (3 names) who undertook for the said Richard to keep faithfully all things touching that serjeanty in any way without any default.

And on the eve of Lady Day next following, William of Thringstone of the South quarter found in full morningspeech these sureties (3 names) for keeping the serjeanty of that quarter faithfully, fully, and well without default.

¹ See the list of 1258. Nine of the names are the same.

sergantya de ipso quarterio fideliter seruanda, plenarie et bene sine defectu.

[Sunday, Mar. 29, 1271.] Will. Iring XXIX die martii anno eodem supradicto accupatus per maiorem quod ille in pleno morespechio litigauit verbis vilibus et grossis, ad pudorem et despectum Maioris et Gylde contra Henricum de Rodington, vnde maior et communitas noluit sustinuisse pudorem et grauamen pro 1 cuuata ceruisie; non defendit accupamentum sicut defendere debuit et vadiauit 1 cuuatam ceruisie.

[r^o.] [Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1272¹, Walt. de Welham, Hen. de Contasethorp.]

[v^o.] De debitis de Gilda non solutis (23 names).

[r^o.] [Feb. 17, Rad. Page de Groby enters. Thurs. Feb. 24, Will. de la Bracina, Will. Parser, Ric. de Stapelton.] Tho. de Sutton intrauit Gildam, invadiauit plenarie sicut extraneus: fecit finem pro dim. marc. (etc.). [Also Greg. cum pede, Rob. de Herendesby, Rad. Norman, Hen. de Esseburn entered.]

[v^o.] [Jan. 24, 1273.] Die Martis proxima ante festum conuersionis S. Pauli, a. g. MCCLXX secundo, isti electi sunt per totam Gildam Leycestrie ad Jura et ad libertates Gilde sustinendum: scilicet:

1. Hen. de Rodinton², Will. Leffe³, Walt. Brun, Will. le Engleys, Joh. de Knyttecote, Hen. de Louseby, Rob. de Dauby², Alex. de Segraua, Tho. Gunfrey, Simon Wibern, Hen. de Morton, Mat. Fode, Adam de Merlawe, Pet. Keling, Joh. Flour, Joh. Wytside.

William Iring, on March 29, in the aforesaid year, charged by the Mayor that he scolded in full morningspeech with base and gross words to the shame and despite of the Mayor and the Gild against Henry of Ruddington, whereof the Mayor and the community would not have sustained the shame and damage for a cask of ale: he did not defend the charge as he ought to have defended it and he pledged one cask of ale.

Of unpaid Gild debts (23 names).

Thomas of Sutton entered the Gild, he pledged fully as a stranger: he made fine for half a mark (etc.).

On Tuesday next before the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, 1272, these were elected by all the Gild of Leicester to maintain the laws and liberties of the Gild (names above).

¹ The hand changes.

² Cf. Hundred Rolls, 1. 240. "Burgus de Leicestria." Henry of Ruddington and Roger Bate when they were reeves of Leicester, 54 Hen. III., and Robert of Dalby and Will. Leffe, reeves, 1 Ed. I., took gifts from many to conceal their felonies, as appears in verdicts.

2. Barthol. de Couentria, Nic. de Blaby, Rob. le Mey, Joh. Glide, Ric. sub muro, Tho. le Ridere, Will. Sixantvonti (*sic*).

3. Alex. le Boner (Debonner), Nic. le Burgeys, Bert. le Cruser, Will. de Blaby, Alex. Persun, Will. Baldwin, Will. Tabor, Joh. de Therngeston¹.

[^r.] [Wed. Jan. 25, 1273².] Ric. de Bromeleya intravit (etc.). Intrauit etiam tali condicione quod nunquam manebit in feodo domini Lincolniensis episcopi, et si fecerit, amittat communitatem Gilde Leycestrie. Soluit (etc.). [Similarly Steph. de Outheby, and Tho. de Brancingisthorp³ with the addition "nisi communicare voluerit cum complicibus suis de Gilda."]

† Nic. de Kevelingwrthe intrauit (etc.). †.... Prouisum fuit per totam Gildam quod non erit in Gilda nec in communitate⁴ marcand'. [In the margin 'vacat' is written.] [There enter also Galf. Mauclerc, Joh. Fulgot, Rob. de Kyvelingwrthe, Walt. le Sclatere, senior, Joh. fil. Yuonis filii Odonis (s. p.), Alan. de Brackeleya, Joh. le paumer fil. Thome le paumer (s. p.).]

[^v.] [Jan. 26, 1273.] Memorandum⁵ quod die Jouis proxima post festum Conuersionis S. Pauli apostoli a. g. MCCLXX secundo, prouisum est et concessum per totam communitatem Gilde Leycestrie quod nullus Brocarius nec aliquis alius extraneus appropinquabit balancias in domibus mercatorum nisi venditores et emptores. Et si aliquis mercator contra istam prouisionem presumpserit et super hoc

Richard of Bromley entered. He entered also under this condition: that he shall never dwell in the fee of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, and if he do so, let him lose the community of the Gild of Leicester. [Next entry, same clause with] "unless he shall wish to associate with his confederates of the Gild."

Nicholas of Kilworth⁵ entered...pledges...it was provided by the whole Gild that he shall not be in the Gild nor in the trading community.

Memorandum that on Thursday next after the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, 1272, it is provided and conceded by all the community of the Gild of Leicester, that no broker nor any other stranger shall approach the scales in the houses of merchants, except the buyers and sellers. And if any merchant should presume to contravene this rule and should be convicted thereof, he

¹ Those in the first list occur also in another list on the verso, described as "Jurati electi per communitatem Leycestrie," which is identical with another, without description, Box 3, Roll 72, 5. Those in the second list occur here only; in the third those who occur only in the "Jurati" list. The order of the lists has been slightly changed to bring out the differences more clearly.

² A new hand begins.

³ Bromkinsthorpe = Braunstongate, out of the liberty of the Borough. See Nichols, iv. i. 72.

⁴ MS. *communitati*. ⁵ A hand in the margin points to this entry.

conuictus fuerit, dabit communitati Gilde xxs. ad primam conuictionem, et si super hoc alia vice conuictus fuerit, dabit communitati dicte Gilde xls. Et si tertia vice super hoc conuictus fuerit, dabit lxs. Et si quarta vice conuictus fuerit, habebit bannum per unum annum et unum diem secundum prouisionem Gilde.

[v^o.] [Jan. 26, 1273.] †Memorandum quod die Jouis proxima post conuersionem S. Pauli a. g. MCCLXX secundo Pet. Unfrey uadiauit vnam cuuatam seruicie, quia non fecit legem suam in Gilda, sicut facere debuit, eo quod calumpniatus fuit¹ quod habuit de bonis Johannis piscatoris (etc.)†.

[r^o.] [Fri., Jan. 27, 1273.] Will. filius Rogeri de Knitton intrauit (etc.). Et intrauit sub hac forma, quod dabit taurum quando demandetur, erit obediens in omnibus suis complicitibus de Gilda in Loth et in Skoth et in omnibus aliis siue fuerit in feodo domini Lincoln' episcopi siue non. [Rob. fil. Stephani and *Will. Lomb enter.]

Reg. de Ridlington intrauit (etc.). Et intrauit sub hac forma [same as the preceding]...in quocunque feodo moram fecerit. [Also †Ric. de Staunton†, Hen. de Glatheston, Adam Le Vesci (in Loth et Scoth ubicunque fuerit commoraturus), †Rob. de Wyluby†, Galf. Le Bakere (erit in Scot et Loth etc.), Galf. de Brantiston', Will. de Scharneford, *Rob. Det, *Nich. Hose, Pet. de Exeninge, Will. Sabyn (s. p.), Rad. Schaune (s. p.), *Ric. de Leyk, *Joh. de Okthorp, junior, *Alex. Benet, Will. Leffe (s. p.), Joh. Mile (s. p.), Will. de Deping,

shall give 20s. to the community of the Gild at the first conviction, and if he should be convicted thereof again, he shall give to the community of the said Gild 40s. And if a third time he should be convicted thereof, he shall give 60s. And if he should be convicted a fourth time, he shall have the ban for a year and a day according to the provision of the Gild.

Memorandum that on Thursday next after the Conversion of St Paul, 1272, Peter Unfrey pledged one cask of ale because he did not make his law in the Gild as he ought to do, because he was charged that he had some of John the fisher's goods.

William Roger's son of Knighton entered,...and he entered under this form, that he will give the bull when it shall be required, that he will be obedient in all things to his confederates of the Gild in Lot and in Scot and in all other things, whether he be in the fee of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln or not. (Also Reg. of Ridlington, "in Lot and Scot with his confederates in the Gild in whatever fee he shall dwell.")

¹ MS. *fu'it*.

Joh. de Wiluby, Thom. de Hetherinton (pledged £3 and a bull, fine 10s.)]

[vº.] [Feb. 28, 1273.] Die martis in ebdomada prima quadragesime, Rad. Michilloue uadiauit xls. quia non uenit summonicionibus Gilde et dabit xs. sine aliquo remedio. (Pledges.)

[vº.] [Mar. 7, 1273.] Claues de Cista communitalis Leycestrie tradite sunt scilicet Andree de Wateberg et Matheo Fode die martis proxima post festum S. Ceadde¹ a.g. MCCLXX secundo.

[Nov. 29, 1273.] Sciendum quod si quis de communitate uel de libertate Leycestrie exeat apud Cestriam uel Salop' uel aliam aliquam uillam mercandam ad mercandisas suas faciendum et sit districtus pro debito alicuius vicini sui et non pro suo debito domum veniat et Balliuis domini comitis illud demonstret et balliui facient monicionem illi qui debitum debet semel et alias. Et si deliberacionem namarum (*sic*) vicini sui pro ipso districti facere noluerit, licitum sit balliuis quicumque fuerit domum suam cum seruris firmare et illi ingressum vetare quousque vicinos suos deliberauerit et de debito suo satisfecerit, et hoc concessum fuit et pro iudicio de domino Radulfo de Hengham, Waltero de Hopeton Justiciariis domini regis Edwardi in aula comitis Leycestrie ad Castrum die mercurii proximo post festum Sancti Clementis, a. r. r. E. secundo¹.

On Tuesday in the first week of Lent, Ralph Micklelove pledged 40s. because he did not come to the Gild summonses and he will give 10s. without any remedy.

The keys of the chest of the community of Leicester have been handed over to wit to Andrew of Whatborough and Matthias Fode on Tuesday next after the feast of St Chad, 1272.

Be it known that if any of the community or liberty of Leicester go to Chester or Shrewsbury or any other market town to carry on trade and be distrained for the debt of any neighbour of his and not for his own debt, he may come home and point this out to the bailiffs of the Lord Earl, and the bailiffs shall give warning to him who owes the debt, once, and again, and if he should not make delivery of the distrained goods of his neighbour, distrained on his account, let the bailiffs close his house, whoever he may be, with bolts, and forbid him ingress until he shall have delivered his neighbours and shall have made satisfaction for his debt, and this was granted and (held) for judgment by Sir Ralph of Hengham, Walter of Hopton², judges of the Lord King Edward in the hall of the Earl of Leicester at the castle, on Wednesday next after the feast of St Clement, 2 Ed. I.

¹ Cf. Statute of Westminster, I. c. 23 (1275).

² Cf. Foss, III. 105.

[r^o.] [After Christmas, 1273, in the time of Alex. Le debonnere no entries; Fri., Feb. 9, 1274, Galf. le Cuppere, † Ric. Bate de Neuton, Will. de Hodingis†, Rogerus fil. Radulfi de Crumbwelle, Joh. Swamppe, *Tho. Brid, *Will. Veriaunt, † Tho. de Lilleburn†, Ric. de Clipiston (s. p.), Rob. fil. Ingrami carnificis, Ric. de Brewode.]

[v^o.] [Mar. 8, 1274.] Memorandum quod a. r. r. Edwardi secundo et die Jouis proxima ante festum S. Gregorii, in quadragesima, fuit prouisum per totam communitatem Leycestrie quod nullus Juratus Leyrcestrie maneret super feodum domini episcopi. Et ideo Will. Tabur erat remotus ex Juratis.

[Tues., Mar. 20, 1274.] Memorandum quod die S. Cuthberti a. r. Edwardi secundo Alexander maior reddidit compotum de aula Gilde de vi^li. ix^s. iii^d. coram communitate. Tantum aula custauit (*sic*) in omnibus: unde eque (*sic*) est uersus communitatem¹.

[July 2, 1274.] Memorandum quod die Lune in crastino octabarum Natiuitatis S. Johannis Baptiste, Ric. Le fatthe transgressionem fecit contra totam communitatem ita quod nunquam de cetero ibit nec producet² aliquem mercatorem per uillam uel libertatem Leycestrie ad uendendum nec emendum.

Joh. filius Thome Le Paumer inuadiãuit misericordiam eo quod promisit predictum Ricardum Le Fatthe ponderare Lanam in domo sua. Plegii (etc.).

[Underneath the stitching of skin 9 to 10 [r^o.] is written]:

Dilectissimis amicis suis, viris nobilibus et discretis, Balliuis et

Memorandum that in 2 Ed. I. and on Thursday next before the feast of St Gregory, in Lent, it was provided by all the community of Leicester that no Jurat of Leicester might dwell on the fee of the Lord Bishop. And therefore William Tabor was removed from the Jurats.

Memorandum that on St Cuthbert's day, 2 Ed. I., Alexander the Mayor rendered account of the Gildhall, of £6. 9s. 3d. in the presence of the community. The hall cost so much in all: whereof he is quit against the community.

Memorandum that on Monday the morrow of the octave of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, Richard the Fat made trespass against all the community: so that he shall never go (about) again nor guide any merchant through the town or liberty of Leicester for selling or buying.

John son of Thomas the Palmer pledged mercy because he promised the aforesaid Richard the Fat to weigh wool in his house.

To their dearest friends the noble and discreet men, the bailiffs and all

¹ From *unde* has been added in another hand.

² MS. *produx*'.

omnibus hominibus de Stretford maior et Burgenses Leycestrie salutem: vobis significamus quod nobis datur intelligi quod quidam mercatores de Leycestria scilicet: (space left blank) emerunt in villa de Stretford (imperfect).

[v^o.] [Nov. 29, 1274.] Consideratum est per XXIII Juratores¹ die Jouis scilicet in vigilia S. Andree Apostoli A.D. MCCLXXIII quod si quis inplacitatus fuerit pro debito uel pro transgressione et sit stallatus, *dictum* stallum suum non relinquat pro fraude uel pro dolo siue pro cautela, et si relinquat, nunquam alium stallum recuperabyt, quia aliquando solebant quidam requinquere² et nichilominus postea tenere per³ quod curia fuit sepius decepta⁴.

XXXV. *Portmanmoot Roll* (c. 1260). Box 1, No. 25⁵.

†Rog. de Syleby queritur de Johanne de Billisdun quod contradicit debitum suum ad *dampnum* suum de...et Andreas: mansit in custodia balliui: forfal per Johannem de Neuton et per...iudicium ponitur in respectum (*sic*) usque aduentum Henrici de Rodinton⁶. [Misericordia]⁷†.

the men of Stratford, the Mayor and Burgesses of Leicester send greeting: we notify you that we are given to understand that certain merchants of Leicester to wit (space) have bought in the town of Stratford....

It is decided by the Twenty-four Jurors on Thursday, to wit on the eve of St Andrew the Apostle 1274, that if any one should be impleaded for debt or for trespass, and if he have a stall, he may not give up his said stall by reason of fraud or guile or cheating, and if he give it up he shall never recover another stall, for at one time some were wont to give up (?) and nevertheless to hold them afterwards, by which the court was very often deceived.

Roger of Sileby makes plaint against John of Billisdon that he denied his debt, to his damage,...he remained in the custody of the bailiff: Forfal⁸ by John of Newton and by...judgment is respited till the coming of Henry of Ruddington. [Mercy.]

¹ Followed by *quid si* underlined for deletion.

² ? For *relinquere*.

³ Preceded by *e*.

⁴ Note that in the Hundred Rolls Robert of Dalby and Peter Umfrey are named as bailiffs charged with taking bribes, 1274. I. 240.

⁵ This MS. is undated, damaged and in the early part ill-written. It is of peculiar interest as shewing the method of procedure in the Portmanmoot before the reforms of 1277.

⁶ Added in another hand.

⁷ In the margin.

⁸ On this Danish word, meaning essoign, reasonable excuse, see Edmund Crouchback's charter below. It is here written *for*^a but elsewhere in full.

[Misericordia.] Galf. le Furbisur queritur de Simone de Leyre quod etc. pro dim. marc. (conclusion illegible).

†Will. fil. Galfridi de Neutoun Burdod fuit attachiatus per Petrum Burdod pro debito vnus equini qui fuit plegiatus ad intrandum vel ad satisfaciendum [debitum] quod debuit...(illegible) †.

Joh. Pain vadiauit misericordiam pro plegagio Roberti Det contra Rogerum de Sileby et inuenit (conclusion illegible).

Hen. Griffyn queritur de Johanne fratre suo quod iniuste distringebat ipsum vbi ipsum distringere non debet, ad dampnum suum dim. marc.

[Inquisicio.] Joh. Wynger queritur de Henrico Gamil quod noluit habere dampnum quod ei fecit pro dim. marca; distringatur¹. Idem inuenit Ricardum (illegible) posuerunt partes²; posuerunt se (in) inquisicione.

†Joh. de Anesty queritur de fratribus et sororibus S. Leonardi quod iniuste distringunt ipsum pro consuetudine et P... non consueto ad dampnum suum xxs.; distringatur; et inuenit Johannem piscatorem et Henricum Costeyn †.

Galf. le Cuppere queritur de Simone Wyn de Kayham quod non

[Mercy.] Geoff. the Furbisher makes plaint against Simon of Leire that etc. for half a mark.

Will. son of Geoff. of Cold Newton was attached by Peter Burdett for the debt of a horseman who was pledged to enter or to satisfy the debt which he owed...

John Pain pledged mercy for the pledging of Robert Det against Roger of Sileby and found...

Hen. Griffin makes plaint against John his brother that he unjustly distrained him where he ought not to distrain him, to his damage half a mark.

[Inquest.] John Wynger makes plaint against Henry Gamil that he would not have the damage which he did him for half a mark. Let him be distrained. He found Richard...they deposited the parts; they put themselves on an inquest.

John of Anstey makes plaint against the brethren and sisters of St Leonard's that they unjustly distrain him for custom and...not customary, to his damage 20s.; let him be distrained. And he found John Fisher and Henry Costeyn.

Geoffrey the Cooper makes plaint against Simon Wyn of Keyham that he

¹ Dampnum, debitum, distringatur are all closely abbreviated.

² On the division of the payment of the pledges and the principal into three parts see the First Gild Roll, p. 32.

warantizat eum vnam ollam ad dampnum dimidie marce: distringatur.

Will. Mayheu queritur de Willelmo le beltere quod detinet ei xvs. ad dampnum suum dim. marc.: distringatur: qui inuenit Galfridum le cuuer et habuit forfal¹ per eundem.

Hen. Costeyn queritur de Johanne le Harpur quod incurrit da[m]pnum pro plegagio ipsius: dim. marc.: distringatur.

[Judicium.] Joh. Winger queritur de Henrico Gamil quod sculpsit arbores suos (*sic*), ad dampnum suum dim. marc.: distringatur.

[Judicium.] Joh. Wynger venit ad curiam super Ricardum de Halutun eo quod non satisfacit ei debitum: distringatur.

[v^o.] [Inquisicio.]...(illegible) coram Matheo Fode, Bertramo le Cruser et balliuis quod Henricus Gamil cidit vnum arborem prope terram et asportauit: quod fecit supra terram Johannis Winger in fouea sua et alium arborem expoliauit de ramis pendentibus vltra terram dicti Johannis et hoc...coram dictis iuratoribus. Ideo vadiauit misericordiam pro querela. Joh. Winger habebit iis. pro transgressione de Henrico Gamil (2 pledges).

Alanus le merser inuenit Rogerum Scrag' veniendum ad curiam de Portmanmoot.

does not warrant him a pot, at half a mark's damage. Let him be distrained.

William Matthew makes plaint against William the Belter that he keeps from him 15s. to his damage half a mark. Let him be distrained: he produced Geoffrey the Cooper and had Forfal by him.

Henry Costeyn makes plaint against John the Harper that he incurred damage for pledging him, to his damage half a mark. Let him be distrained.

[Judgment.] John Wynger makes plaint against Henry Gamil that he cut his trees, to his damage half a mark. Let him be distrained.

[Judgment.] John Wynger came to the court against Ric. of Hallaton² because he did not make satisfaction to him for debt. Let him be distrained.

[Inquest.]...in the presence of Matthew Fode, Bertram Le Cruser and the bailiffs that Henry Gamil cut a tree down to the ground, and carried it away: this he did on John Wynger's land in his ditch, and he spoiled another tree of branches hanging over the land of the said John and this...in the presence of the said jurors. Therefore he pledged mercy for the plea. John Wynger shall have 2s. for the trespass of Henry Gamil: 2 pledges.

Alan the Mercer found Roger Scrag to come to the court of Portmanmoot.

¹ Written *for*^a.

² Or ? Halloughton.

Ric. le Marchall inuenit Ricardum de Sileby *prosequend'* super filium Roberti Wantoun.

Alanus le Merser queritur de Hugone peltario quod insultauit eidem et ponunt se in inquisicione.

[r^o.] Ricardus le Curtheis attornatus Rogeri de Sileby venit super Ricardum Preng eo quod non satisfecit ei de crafto suo : distringitur. Iterum distringatur.

[Misericordia.] †Rob. Sabin queritur de Rogero de Kectton quod vxor sua verberauit vxorem suam vnde fecit vthesium : distringantur : quia concordati sunt sine licencia‡.

†[Judicium.] Hen. de Rodintun queritur de Willelmo de Wilueeby quod noluit habere dampnum quod ei fecit pro lxs. et ipse optulit Laue in curia et postea non comparuit et inuenit Johannem venatorem qui petiit forfal pro Willelmi (*sic*)...

[Misericordia.] Rob. Motin petiit curiam suam : non stetit : unde Will. vadiauit craftum. Judicium ponitur in respectum : ad ins[tantiam] Franciplegii.

[Misericordia.] Will. de Waleis venit super Alexandrum Benet eo quod non satisfecit ei de xviis. : distringitur : distringatur melius : Hen. Hose plegius : qui inuenit Henricum Hose (*sic*) : posuit vadium satis-

Richard the Marshal found Richard of Sileby to prosecute the son of Robert Wanton.

Alan the Mercer makes plaint of Hugh Skinner that he assaulted him and they put themselves upon an inquest.

Richard the Courteous attorney of Roger of Sileby came against Richard Preng because he has not made him satisfaction for his craft. He is distrained. Let him be distrained again.

[Mercy.] Robert Sabin makes plaint against Roger of Ketton that his wife beat his (Robert's) wife ; wherefore she raised the hue. Let them be distrained because they made peace without leave.

[Judgment.] Henry of Ruddington makes plaint against William of Willoughby that he would not have the damage which he did him for 60s. and he offered Law in court and afterwards he did not appear and he found John the Huntsman who claimed Forfal for William...

[Mercy.] Robert Motin claimed his court : he did not stand : wherefore William pledged craft : judgment is put in respite : at the instance of the frankpledge.

[Mercy.] William the Welshman came against Alexander Bennet because he did not make him satisfaction for 18s. ; he is distrained : let him be distrained more severely. Hen. Hose, pledge ; he found Hen. Hose :

facere Willelmo le Waleys in die S. Nicholai et nichil fecit: ideo in misericordia.

[Lex.] Hugo cissor queritur de Thoma Fuke quod noluit habere dampnum quod fecit ei pro dim. marca. Tho. comparuit et optulit laue. Tho. comparuit ad aliam curiam. Hugo non comparuit. Ideo fuit districtus et comparuit ad terciam curiam et noluit vadiare misericordiam pro defalto. Tho. habet diem ad faciendum legem.

[Respectum.] Hen. Hilleme queritur de Ricardo de Caunpedoyne quod detinet ei vnam marcā ad dampnum suum xxs. et ipse optulit Laue et habet *respectum* vsque aduentum seneschalli per litteram suam. Ric. venit, petiit curiam de¹ se ipso et habuit.

[Forfal.] Hodierna² vidua queritur de Willelmo Dike et de manupastu suo³ quod noluit habere pudorem quod ei fecerunt pro dim. marca: distringitur. Iterum distringatur. Iterum distringatur. Will. Erneys inuenit Johannem de Outhorp iuniorem⁴, qui habuit forfal⁵. Hen. Costeyn petiit curiam domini abbatis et habuit⁶.

Hen. de Bromwich queritur de Colino le schaluner quod noluit

he deposited a gage to make satisfaction to William the Welshman on St Nicholas' Day and did nothing: therefore he is in mercy.

[Law.] Hugh the Tailor makes plaint against Thomas Fuke that he would not have the damage he did him for half a mark. Thomas appeared and offered Law. Thomas appeared at the second court. Hugh did not appear. Therefore he was distrained and he appeared at the third court and would not pledge mercy for his default. Thomas has a day for making Law.

[Respite.] Henry Hilleme makes plaint against Richard of Campden that he detains from him one mark, to his damage of 20s. and he offered Law and has respite till the arrival of the Steward, by his letter. Richard came, claimed court of himself and had it.

[Forfal.] Hodierna widow makes plaint against William Dike and his mainpast⁷ that she would not have the dishonour they did her for half a mark. He is distrained. Let him be distrained again. And again. William Erneys found John of Othorpe junior who had Forfal. Henry Costeyn claimed the court of the Lord Abbot and had it.

Henry of Bromwich makes plaint against Colin the Chaloner that he

¹ *De* is repeated. Three persons impleaded in this roll claim to have independent sokes, two to have court "of themselves." Is this the exception to prove the rule that no man can be sued in his own court? Cf. Pollock and Maitland, I. 502, 577.

² Written Odierna in another place.

³ Repeated on the back of the roll, where is added "scilicet Willelmo Erneys."

⁴ The clause which follows is added from the back of the roll.

⁵ Corr. from *farfal*.

⁶ Added to Hodierna's case on the back of the roll.

⁷ Or household, who are in his "frithborgh."

habere dampnum quod fecit ei pro dim. marca et ipse inuenit Henricum de Aula : forfal per Henricum. Testificatum est quod infirmus.

Warinus le schlatere queritur de Thoma le schlatere quod noluit habere dampnum quod ei fecit pro dim. marc.: distringitur. Iterum distringatur.

[Curia. Misericordia.] Rad. Mikilloue queritur de Elya de Willie quod noluit habere dampnum quod ei fecit pro dim. marc. et ipse inuenit Nicholaum le chaluner : forfal¹ per Nicholaum. Elias posuit vadium ueniendi ad proximam curiam. Idem inuadiauit misericordiam quia non satisfecit: Tho. de Ouþeby petiit curiam suam de ipso et habuit. Elias in misericordia quia non satisfecit Henrico de Rodinton. Idem in misericordia: posita sint vadia pacanda dicto Henrico: et non fecit.

[Misericordia.] Joh. de Aula queritur de Roberto Mildus quod noluit habere pudorem quod (*sic*) fecit ei pro dim. marc. et ipse inuenit Vincente (*sic*) filium suum qui habuit forfal et comparuerunt et Rob. optulit ponere (se) super inquisitionem et Joh. petiit iudicium de sua querela et de responso Roberti. Rob. Mildus distringatur penes

would not have the damage which he did him for half a mark and he found Henry of the Hall; Forfal by Henry. It is testified that he is infirm.

Warin the Slater makes plaint against Thomas the Slater that he would not have the damage that he did him for half a mark. He is distrained. Let him be distrained again.

[Court. Mercy.] Ralph Mikillove makes plaint against Elias of Willey that he would not have the damage that he did him for half a mark, and he found Nicholas the Chaloner. Forfal by Nicholas. Elias deposited a gage that he would come to the next court. He pledged mercy because he did not make satisfaction: Thomas of Oadby claimed his court of him and had it. Elias is in mercy because he did not make satisfaction to Henry of Ruddington. He is in mercy: let there be gages put down for paying to the said Henry; and he did not do so.

[Mercy.] John of the Hall makes plaint against Robert Mildus that he would not have the shame which he did him for half a mark, and he found Vincent his son who had Forfal and they appeared and Robert offered to put himself upon an inquest and John claimed judgment of his plea and of the answer of Robert. Let Robert Mildus be distrained by John

¹ For^a.

Johannem Payn. Rob. Mildus vadiauit craftum Johanni de aula et balliuis misericordiam.

†Will. de Kayham queritur de Waltero Wantoun quod noluit habere pudorem quod ei fecit pro dim. marc.: distringatur.

Rob. Cunterel produxit testes scilicet Walterum de Lidinton et Adam de Euinton quod remouit se de seuda¹ Willelmi Maheu pro defectu domus stracton (?): et habuit diem usque ad curiam: qui dicunt quod defectus remansit in Willelmo Matheu‡.

[Misericordia.] Hugo Portarius queritur de Stephano quod noluit habere dampnum pro iis. Steph. petiit diem concordand' et uadiauit misericordiam.

Alanus ad fontem posuit uadium balliuo ad aquietandum Thomam Cochet de vna marca.

[Judicium.] Will. le Waleys queritur de Rogero filio Rogeri de Glen quod detinet ei quoddam debitum suum centum solidos: deficit bis in curia sua et de pudore et scandalo ad (blank).

Hen. de Louseby uadiauit Henrico de Rodinton viiis. *vid.*, xls. *vid.* Idem posuit uadium pacand'.

Rob. Cunterel queritur de Willelmo Matheu.

Payn. Robert Mildus pledged craft to John of the Hall and mercy to the bailiffs.

William of Keyham makes plaint against Walter Wanton that he would not have the shame that he did him for half a mark; let him be distrained.

Robert Cunterel produced witnesses, to wit Walter of Liddington and Adam of Evington, that he has removed from the booth of William Matthew (occupied) for want of a house at Stretton (?): and he had day till the court. Who say that the default remains in William Matthew.

[Mercy.] Hugh Porter makes plaint against Stephen that he would not have the damage for 2s. Stephen claimed a love-day and pledged mercy.

Alan at the Well deposited gage with the bailiff to acquit Thomas Cochet of a mark.

[Judgment.] William the Welshman makes plaint against Roger son of Roger of Glen that he withholds from him a certain debt of his of £5: he failed twice in his court and for shame and scandal...

Henry of Loseby pledged 8s. 6d. to Henry of Ruddington of(?) 40s. 6d. He deposited gage for paying.

Robert Cunterel makes plaint against William Matthew.

¹ Selda. Seude is a quasi-French form. Followed by *sue* underlined, apparently for deletion.

Tho. de Louseby queritur de Thoma Cochet quod posuit se in plegio ad dampnum suum xxs. Attachietur: distringatur.

Petrus filius Rogeri habet curiam de se ipso et erit tenta die martis proximo post festum St Andree.

Joh. Alsı fecit Galfridum de Cranford attornatum suum ad recipiendum firmam de domo Jacobi de Someruil.

Tho. de Oupeby quia non sequitur in misericordia.

[v^o.]¹ Quia aliquo tempore mercatores de partibus transmarinis exierunt in comitatum Leycestrie et emerunt lanas aliby quam deberent et lanas apud Leycestriam cariare (*sic*) fecerunt et super hoc conuicti fuerunt quod contra communitatem multum deliquerunt per quod amerciati grauiter fuerunt et puniti, vnde prouisum fuit per assensum et consensum totius communitatis et maxime prece mercatorum quod loca inrotulata essent et puplice denuntiata vbi sine occasione emere possent, et scripta sunt loca scilicet ista, Melton, Louttebor', Bredon, Hinkeley, Boseworthe, Luttirworthe, Lilleburne, et postea denunci-
antur: per quod consideratum fuit quod si aliquis mercator extraneus conuictus extunc in antea fuerit quod talem transgressionem fecerit in preiudicium domini comitis et contra prouidenciam communitatis

Thomas of Loseby makes plaint against Thomas Cochet that he put himself in pledge to his damage 20s. Let him be attached. Let him be distrained.

Peter Roger's son has court of himself and it will be held on Tuesday next after the feast of St Andrew.

John Alsı made Geoffrey of Cranford his attorney for receiving rent from the house of James de Somerville.

Thomas of Oadby because he does not prosecute is in mercy.

Whereas at one time the merchants from foreign parts went out into the county of Leicester and bought wool in places where they ought not, and caused wool to be carried to Leicester and were convicted thereof that they were very guilty against the community, for which they were heavily amerced and punished, therefore it was provided by assent and consent of all the community and chiefly at the petition of the merchants, that the places should be enrolled and publicly announced where they may buy without hindrance, and the places are written, to wit these, Melton, Loughborough, Breedon, Hinckley, Bosworth, Lutterworth, Lilbourne, and afterwards they are announced: wherefore it was determined that if any strange merchant should henceforth ever be convicted of committing such a trespass to the prejudice

¹ A modern note on the roll describes it as an early deed "mentioning John the Mayor," but I find no such mention, nor was there a Mayor John till John of Norton.

gravius amerciatur quam ante consideracionem et prouidentiam Pacti p[ro]motus fuit.

XXXVI. *Purchase of goods for the Earl.* Box 4, No. 91.
[July 31, 1266.]

De capcione deuersimoda (*sic*) ad opus Domini Edmundi anno L^o.
In vigilia sancti Petri ad vincula.

Frumentum. De Will. Cocking de Kniton, dim. quart. precium iis. *vid.* Item de Rogero de Swithelont, dim. quart. iis. *iiii*d. (etc.).

Summa quart. ix. *iii.* buss. et dim.: precium cuiuslibet quart. *iiii*s. *xd.*

Summa denariorum, *xlvi*s. *xd.* ob.

Capcio boum. Item eodem die de Henrico filio Johannis, 1 vaccam dim. marc. Item de Willelmo Albold 1 bouem. *vii*s. (etc.).

Summa boum, *xix.* Summa denariorum, *ix*li. *xii*s.

Capcio bidentum. Item eodem die de Mathia de Sthkreston (*sic*), x multones, precium cuiuslibet *xxd.* Item de Rogero Marsel, ii multones, *xxviii*d. (etc.).

Summa bidentum, *xxiiii.* Summa denariorum, *xxxiiii*s. *iiii*d. ob.

Capcio porcorum. De Willelmo Spic v. porcos precium cuiuslibet *xvd.* *vii*s. *vid.* Item de Oda cum naso, i. porcum, iis. *viii*d. (etc.).

Summa porcorum, *lx.* Summa denariorum, *viii*li.

of the lord Earl and against the provision of the community, he should be more heavily amerced than before the determination and provision of the agreement was settled.

Of the taking of various goods for the use of the Lord Edmund 50 (Henry III.) on the eve of St Peter in chains.

Wheat. From William Cocking of Knighton, $\frac{1}{2}$ quarter, price 2s. 6d. Item from Roger of Swithland, $\frac{1}{2}$ quarter, 2s. 4d. (etc.).

Total, 9 quarters, $3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels, price of each quarter, 4s. 10d. Total cost, £2. 7s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Taking of kine. Item on the same day from Henry John's son one cow, at 6s. 8d. Item from William Albold, 1 ox, 7s. (etc.).

Total number of kine, 19; total cost, £9. 12s. 0d.

Taking of sheep. Item on the same day from Matthias of Stockerston, 10 sheep, price of each, 1s. 8d. From Roger Marsel, 2 sheep, 2s. 4d. (etc.).

Total number of sheep, 24; total cost, £1. 14s. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Taking of pigs. From William Spic, 5 pigs, at 1s. 3d. each, 7s. 6d. (*sic*). Item from Oda with the nose, 1 pig, 2s. 8d. (etc.).

Total number of pigs, 60; total cost, £7.

Capcio alia vice. Item de Rogero Glide, ii porcos, iiis. (and 6 others).

Summa porcorum, xii. Summa denariorum, xxxvis. iid.

Capcio Bres'. Item Rogero de Thirneby iii quart. bres'. auen'. xs. Item de Rogero de Outheby iii quart. ord'. xiis....Item de Joh. Dodeman ii quart. drag'. vs. vid....

Summa quart. bres. tam ord. quam auen. xxiii. Summa denariorum, lxxiis.

Capcio ferri, postea. De Godefrido ii duoden. xviii*d.* Item de Will. de Bedeford, i duod. ix*d.* Item de Joh. le Teler, x duod. xiis. (etc.).

Summa duodenarum, xxxvii. Summa denariorum, xxxviiiis. iiiid.

Capcio ferri, postea. De Joh. Russel, iii duod. iiis. q^a. Item de Weyerhorn, ii duod. xviid....Item de Joh. le Flur, ix pecias, xix*d.* (etc.).

Summa duodenarum, xxvi. ix pecias. Summa denariorum, xxiiis. iiiid.

[v^o.] Item de ferro sumpto. Willelmus de Bedeford exigit pro iii duod. iiis. vid. (etc.).

Taking at another time. From Roger Glide, 2 pigs, 4s....Total number of pigs, 12. Total cost, £1. 16s. 2*d.*

Taking of malt. From Roger of Thurnby 4 quarters of oat malt, 10s. From Roger of Oadby, 3 quarters of barley (malt), 12s....From John Dodeman, 2 quarters of drage¹ (malt), 5s. 6*d.*...

Total number of quarters of both barley and oat malt, 23. Total cost, £3. 12s. 0*d.*

Taking of iron afterwards. From Godfrey, 2 dozen², 1s. 6*d.*; from William of Bedford, 1 dozen, 9*d.*; from John the tiler, 10 dozen, 12s. (etc.).

Total number of dozens, 37. Total cost, £1. 18s. 4*d.*

Taking of iron afterwards. From John Russel, 4 dozen, 3s. 0½*d.* From Weyerhorn, 2 dozen, 1s. 5*d.*...From John the Flower, 9 pieces, 1s. 7*d.* (etc.).

Total number of dozens, 26, and 9 pieces. Total cost, £1. 3s. 4*d.*

[v^o.] Of iron taken, William of Bedford asks for 4 dozen, 4s. 6*d.* (etc.).

¹ Or dredge, called also mixtilion; dredge malt was made of oats mixed with barley malt. *Prompt. Parv.*

² The dozen "pieces." On the piece and dozen cf. Thorold Rogers, *Prices* I. 170, II. 455. The piece is thought to have contained 4½ lbs.

XXXVII. *Notes of Tallage Payments.* Box 3, No. 65. [? 1269.]

De arreragiis remanentibus de Tallagio de redempcione Leycestrie¹ per visum Compotorum inde factorum xxiii die Martii a. r. r. Henrici (torn). *De primo tallagio.* *De suburbio:* unde Helyas filius Walteri, Will. Seman et Tho. Abouetun fuerunt Collectores (etc.) [27 persons pay £3. 6s. 2d.]. Et preterea Helyas filius Walteri debet iis. de sua recepta de eodem tallagio. *De quarterio australi* unde Will. de Ayliston et...(torn)...fuerunt collectores [31 persons paying £3. 8s. 8d.]. *De quarterio occidentali* [21 persons paying £14. 5s. 4d.]. *De quarterio boreali* [17 paying £2. 9s. 10d.].

[v^o.] *De secundo tallagio* de redempcione [14 persons paying £24. 7s. 0d.²]. De arreragiis de Tallagio de cc marcis vnde quedam pars fuit posita in aqua in cuua. [Collectors' names, and a list of 39 persons paying in all £53. 3s. 2d.]

†Preterea memorandum quod Will. Iring fecit patet in rotulo Gylde: debet respondere de iiiis. viiid. quos debet Gylde pro panno³† (etc.).

XXXVIII. *Purchase of goods for the Earl.* Box 3, No. 72 (6).
[1270?.]

In aduentu D(omini) C(omitis) Ead(mundi) apud Leicestriam... (torn).

Robertus⁴ de Scharneford, pro cera et spiceriis per manum Ingrami

Of the arrears remaining from the tallage for the redemption of Leicester by view of the accounts thereof made, 23 March (? 53) Henry III. *Of the first tallage.* *From the suburb:* whereof Elias Walter's son, William Seaman and Thomas Abovetown were Collectors...And besides this Elias Walter's son owes 2s. on his receipt for the same tallage. *From the south quarter* whereof William of Ayleston and...were collectors...

Of the second tallage for redemption...and of the arrears of the tallage of 200 marks whereof part was put in water in a tub⁵.

Further, the memorandum that William Iring made appears in the roll of the Gild: he ought to answer for 4s. 8d. which he owes to the Gild for cloth.

On the arrival of the Earl Edmund at Leicester...(torn).

Robert of Sharnford for wax and spices by the hand of Ingram the

¹ See note to the Second Gild Roll 1267-8, p. 107.

² Maria de Stocton and Eliz. de Perers pay £1 each; Peter Roger's son £4, Henry of Ruddington 10 marks.

³ See the note of this 4s. 8d. sub an. 1269 above, p. 108. A debt to the Gild follows.

⁴ The names are in the nominative, but the meaning would appear to be that these persons received payment for goods provided on behalf of the community.

⁵ ? meaning.

camerarii, *iiiiℓi*....Pet. Pareswerd pro carne per manum Nicholai clerici *xxiis. vid.* Hen. Abouetun, caretarius, pro auenis per manum Petri clerici, *vs.* Rog. de Spondon' pro pane *vis.* [and 11 others for bread], et iterum pro pasto ad pastillos *iis. ix℔.* Juliana Pille pro pane *ix℔.* Symon Dorlot, pro pane *xxxiiiis.*, [three pro ceruisia]. Matilda de Nausby pro ceruisia per manum Johannis de Kame et Colini sine tallia, *iiis. iii℔.*; [Edusa Curleuache pro ceruisia]. Joh. textor per duas tallias, *iiis. iii℔.*....Hen. Abouetun, caretarius, pro auenis *vs.* [and five others]; Joh. piscator pro allece *xs.*, Joh. Sturdi pro allece *xlviis.*, Rog. Vergant, pro allece *xiiis. x℔.* et pro pisce *ixs. vid.* Tho. Carbonarius pro carbone *vis. vid.* Pet. Blundus, pro Russeto *vili.* Hen. de Rodington pro iii Russetis Domino Eadmundo liberatis, apud Norhampton in octabis circumcisionis domini *ix℔. ixs.* Hugo le bakere, pro russeto *cs.* Rob. le Taylur, pro cera *xxxis. vid.*, per manum Walteri candelarii. Bertramus de Couintre, pro cera *xxviiiis. vid.* Galf. vinetarius, pro *v^{xx}x* lagenis vini acri (*sic*), precium lagene *viii℔.*: *v* marc. et dim. vt dicit, et pro ii barillis *xii℔.* Joh. Tabernarius pro vino acro *xs.* Hen. Costeyn pro expensis Johannis Morteyn *xs. ix℔. ob.*

[*v^o.*] (Payments for meat.) In vniuerso per totum *ccxxiii℔. iiis. viii℔. ob.*

Chamberlain, *£4.* Peter Pareswerd for meat by the hand of Nicholas the clerk, *£1. 2s. 6d.* Henry Abovetown, carter, for oats by the hand of Peter the clerk, *5s.* Roger of Spondon for bread, *6s.*....and again for paste for pasteys, *2s. 9d.* Juliana Pille for bread, *9d.* Simon Dorlot for bread, *£1. 14s. 0d.* Matilda of Naseby for beer, by the hand of John of Keyham¹ and Colin, without tally, *3s. 4d.*....John the weaver by two tallies, *4s. 3d.*.... Henry Abovetown, carter, for oats, *5s.*....John Fisher for herring, *10s.* John Sturdy *£2. 7s. 0d.* for herring, and Roger Vergaunt *13s. 10d.* for herring, and for fish, *9s. 6d.* Thomas Coalmerchant for coal, *6s. 6d.* Peter the white for russet cloth, *£6.* Henry of Ruddington for three russets delivered to the Lord Edmund, at Northampton, in the octave of the Circumcision, *£9. 9s. 0d.*; Hugh the Baker for russet, *£5.* Robert the Tailor for wax, *£1. 11s. 6d.* by the hand of Walter the chandler; Bertram of Coventry for wax, *£1. 8s. 6d.* Geoffrey Vintner, for 110 gallons of vinegar, at *8d.* a gallon, *£3. 13s. 4d.*, as he says, and for two barrels, *1s.* John the taverner for vinegar, *10s.* Henry Costeyn for the expenses of John Morteyn, *10s. 9½d.* Total by all particulars, *£223. 4s. 7½d.*

¹ Still pronounced Kajam, as Canon Stock informs me.

XXXIX. *Five Tallage Rolls.*

Box 3, No. 86. [1269.] De tallagio assiso in Leycestria ante Pascha anno LIII, scilicet tallagium de iiii^{xx} marcis de fine facto cum Domino Edmundo de tallagio eidem dato per Dominum Regem patrem suum (torn) Leycestr' de xx^{mo} denario eidem domino Regi concesso de toto regno suo exceptis hospitalariis, templariis, monachis ordinis Cisterciensis et clericis.

[Names in this list not found in all the subsequent lists are in italic type. The payments are in the *first* column.]

Box 3, No. 62. [1270.] De collecta, ad Pascha, anno LIIII.

[More fully described in Box 3, No. 72 (6), as "for debts owed by the community." This list contains one quarter only (the East) and is printed without distinctive type below. It contributes the payments in the *second* column.]

Box 3, No. 61. [1270.] De vicesimo denario assiso leuando ad usus domini regis Henrici anno regni eiusdem quinquagesimo quarto per estimacionem apreciacionem et taxacionem factam per viros de villa Leycestrie ad hoc fideliter faciendum electos et iuratos secundum eorundem estimacionem de instauris, blado et aliis bonis mobilibus hominum de Leycestria.

[Names that have not occurred in the preceding lists are in square brackets, and the payments are in the *third* column.]

Box 1, No. 26 (2). Extracta vicesime de Willata de Leycestria.

[New names in brackets () and the figures in the *fourth* column.]

Concerning a tallage assessed in Leicester before Easter 53 (Hen. III.), to wit a tallage of fourscore marks for a fine made with the Lord Edmund for tallage given to him by the Lord King his father, (from) Leicester, of the twentieth penny granted to that Lord King from his whole realm, excepting hospitallers, templars, monks of the Cistercian order and clerks¹.

Concerning the twentieth penny assessed to be levied for the use of the Lord King Henry in the 54th year of his reign by estimation, valuation and assessment made by men of the town of Leicester chosen and sworn to do this faithfully according to their estimate of stores, corn and other moveable goods belonging to the men of Leicester.

Estreat of the twentieth from the township of Leicester.

¹ At the close of 1269 a grant of a twentieth of moveables was debated, and it was granted from the laity in the following year. *Bart. Cotton*, p. 144.

Box 3, No. 64. [1271.] Tallagium ad pascha MCCLXXI ad acquietandum ammerciamentum ville Leycestrie [? versus] Regem de Itinere Justiciariorum proximo preterito et ad acquietandum villam de debito...(illegible) presenciis et de aliis debitis¹.

[Names contributed from this list in inverted commas and the figures in the *fifth* column.]

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
<i>De quarterio Orientali</i>					
De Joh. de Dauentria ...	6 0	8 0	1 6	3 0	
Will. Berchario <i>Carnifice</i> ...	3 0	1 3			
Will. filio Hugonis ...		6 8	1 0	2 0	
Galf. de...brig ...					6
Hen. Pie ...	6	6			
Hugo de Solario ...	3 0	8 0	1 6	1 6	6 0
Ric. de Esfordby ...	3 0	8 0	1 0	1 0	6 0
"Ric. de Couentria" ...					6
Bert. le Cruze ² (de Cruce)	13 4	20 0	4 0	6 0	26 8
Osberto de Keston ...	2 0	8 0	1 6	1 6	3 0
<i>Rad. Iring</i> ...	5 0				
Will. de Sileby pistore ...		10 0	1 6	1 6	10 0
Joh. Sturdi Juniore ..		6			1 6
Rob. de Scharneford ...	30 0	80 0	1 0	30 4	80 0
[Ric. Fode] ...			2 0		
Will. Fode ...		2 0			
Alano le Gardiner ...	6	6		2	6
Hen. Aurifabro ...	6	1 0			1 0
<i>Will. de Berliston</i> ...	1 0				
Joh. de Queniburg ...		6			3
Cirecoc Curteys ³ ...	6				2 0
Rog. Curteys ...		1 0		6	
Ingramo Carnifice (le bocher)	6 8	8 0	2 0	4 0	13 4
Sim. Kepegest ...		1 0		6	4 0
Rob. de Sileby ...	1 6	5 0	6	6 8	2 0

Tallage at Easter 1271 to discharge the amercement of the town of Leicester against the king for the Eyre of the Justices last past and to discharge the town of debt...for presents and other debts.

From the East Quarter.

¹ It seems evident that these sums represented the amounts paid and not the estimated value of the property. Various notes of "dim. pacavit," "1s. quit," etc. have been omitted to save space. Where names are only slightly displaced in one or other of the rolls, one entry only is given in order to economize space. Those names which are considerably displaced are repeated, e.g. Will. fil. Hugonis.

² Sometimes Le Cruzet; probably a maker of cruises or earthenware pots.

³ One of the collectors. The *coc* is diminutive.

			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
<i>Rad. le Plomer</i> ¹	...	...	6				
Wal. Kepegest	...	...	1 0	1 0		2	1
Helya de Wilie ²	...	...	5 0	4 0	6	6 8	2 0
Joh. Nel ³ (Joh. fil. Will. fil. Nel)	...	...	6	1 0		2	
(Ric. le Fatte)	...	...				2	6
"Petro Superbo" ⁴	...	...					6
Will. Beltere ⁵	...	...	2 0	8 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Rob. de Andouer	...	...		4			
Galf. de Anlep ⁶ (le Cupere)	...	...	1 0	1 6		2	6
(Will. le Marscal)	...	...				3	
<i>Hen. Glade</i>	...	...	6				
Sim. Blodleteere	...	...		3			
Reg. de Ridelington	...	...		6		4	6
Hugo socio eius	...	...		6			
Joh. Galeys	...	...	6	1 0		2	
Tho. Blodleteere	...	...	6	1 0			1 0
Matilda la Cuere	...	...	5 0	10 0	3 0	20 0	13 4
Will. Leffe [Vinetarius]	...	...	2 0	4 0	1 0	2 0	13 4
Nic. de Hungirton	...	...		6		2	1 0
Rob. de Welton (Pwelton)	...	...	3 0	2 0	1 0	2 0	13 4
Will. Parchamenario	...	...	1 0	6		6	1 6
[Ric. Curteys]	...	...			6		
[Ric. Haywode]	...	...			6		
Ric. Tichinne	...	...	6	1 0		3	1 0
Sim. Parchamenario	...	...	6	1 0			6
Curteys Cordewanario ⁷	...	...	1 0	2 0		1 0	1 0
Ric. de Brewode <i>tinctor</i>	...	...	6	1 0		6	2 0
Hen. Cosin	...	...	4 0		1 0	1 0	4 0
(Agnete Houyl.) [pro bestiis]	...	...			2	2	
Hen. de Louseby	...	...	1 0	20 0	4 0	20 0	18 0
Rad. de Horncastel (Horncastre)	...	...	4 0	1 0		2	1 0
<i>Ric. de Brandon</i>	...	...	6				
Rob. Mile	...	...		2 0			2 0
"Joh. de Melton"	...	...					6
Juliana Curteys [Kepegest, pro bestiis]	...	...		1 0	3		
Leticia quondam vxor Mathei	...	...	6				6
Mathaeo rotario (le charpenter)	...	...		6		2	
"Ric. le Cutiler"	...	...					1 0
Joh. de Petling	...	...	6	6			
Rob. Rute	...	...		3			
Joh. Amice	...	...	1 6	2 0	6	6	2 0
Will. Panne	...	...	6	1 0		3	1 0
Ad. Textore	...	...	1 6	1 0	3	6	1 0

¹ Below as "the leadbeater."² Willey.³ Nigel, see Laur. Nel, p. 131.⁴ Below as Le Proude.⁵ Maker of belts.⁶ Wanlip.⁷ Worker in Cordova leather, shoemaker.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.		
Will. sub Muro			1	0		6		6	3	0		
Matilda de Bedeford	1	0	1	0								
Rob. Cissore		6		6				6		3		
Joh. Piscator		5	0						5	0		
Alicia piscatrice				10	0	1	0	4	0			
Joh. de Burton		1	6		6	0	1	0	2	0		
Wal. Jordan					3					8	0	
Rob. Dive			6								7	
Rob. Caretario ¹					3							
Tho. le tanur			6							1	0	
Ric. le tanur					3						3	
Hen. Jamville ²		1	0		3	0		6	6	2	0	
Will. filio Milonis "Mile" ³			6		6						3	
Hugo le Combere		2	0		4	0		6	6	4	0	
Will. de Wystowe					6						6	
Will. Marescallo			6		6						6	
Helya fabro			1	0		6						
"Joh. fil. Alani"											3	
Hen. de Thorneton					3			6				
(Will. Fode)			1	0				1	0	2	0	
Rad. Filio Mathei Fode												
"Juniore"					2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Rog. Bate		6	8									
Galf. de Lutteburg ⁴					6			6				
"Joh. Janglere" ⁵												6
Laur. Nel [filio Nigelli]		2	0		4	0	1	0	3	0	5	0
Nic. le Chaloner ⁶		1	0		1	0			2		1	0
Hen. Cochs		1	0									
Hen. Glade					6			2				
Ric. de Haluton		1	0		1	6		6	6	1	6	
Amicia relicta Willelmi Croysi ... ^{ad}		2	0									
Rog. de Thurmodeston		6			3	0		6	6		3	
†Hen. de Thurmodeston†					6						6	
Joh. Sturdi seniore		6	0		8	0	2	0	2	0	13	4
Mat. Fode et filiis		8	0		8	0	6	8	2	0	8	0
Mat. Curtomer		4	0		6	0	2	0	1	6	1	0
Will. de Berliston (Billisdon)					1	6		3	1	0	2	0
Hug. Spurneturteys			6		6							6
[Joh. de Scharneford]							1	6				
Joh. Wytside		10	0		13	4			2	0	15	0
Will. de Scheyle		1	0		1	6		3	3		1	0
Tho. Stote			6									
†Hugone Ouernon†			6		6							3
Tho. Cissore (le Taylur)					deleted				3			

¹ Carter.² Janville in Dep. Eure et Loire.³ Mile, the Fr. or Eng. form of Milo.⁴ Loughborough.⁵ Loud-talker.⁶ Maker of coverlets.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Will. Ace	6	1	6	3	6	2	0			
Will. le Spicer	6	6								
Rog. Vergeant	1	0	1	6	6	1	6			
Pet. Vergeant			6							
Hugone Longo	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	2	6
Will. de Cusington	6	6							2	0
"Will. de Leenna" ¹									6	
Hug. in Camera	6	1	0	3	3	1	0			
Margeria le Gredie			6						6	
Phil. de Boriswurth			6							
"Tho. Pirun"									6	
Hen. Morice (Morye)	1	0	2	0	3	6	2	0		
Alicia le cras ²			1	0	3	3	1	0		
Steph. le Mercer	2	0								
Maria que fuit vxor Johannis [Crate]			2	0		2	1	0		
Joh. Pistore	1	0								
[Joh. Crate pistore]			6							
[Rog. Bate]				2	0					
Ric. le Cutiler			6							
Ric. Fode			4	0			4	0		
Tho. de Busceby (Boceby)	1	0		6	6	2	0			
Helya filio Margerie			6							
Sim. Dorlot	3	0	4	0	6	2	0	6	0	
Reg. le Sclater			6					6		
"Joh. Tilli"								1	0	
Rob. de Dauby (Dalby)			8	0	2	0	10	0	10	0
Joh. Mile	1	0								
Matilda Mile			1	0						
Tho. Cochet	1	0								
Rob. de Thurmodeston	6	2	0	6	6	2	0			
Rad. le Tanur	2	0								
Rob. Parchamenario	5	0	10	0	1	0	4	0	8	0
Reg. le Be	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Rad. Brantringby (Brentingby)			deleted	1	0	1	0	1	0	
Walt. Purroc	4	0								
Wal. de Hokam			2	0	6	6	3	0		
Rob. socio eius			6				1	0		
Pet. Abram (Habraham)	5	0	3	0	1	6	2	0	10	0
"Rad. de Lenna"								1	0	
Rad. Fode	6	2	0	6	6	2	0			
Joh. filio Matilde			2	0						
Colino le Chaloner	1	0	6						6	
Ric. qui fuit cum Helya de Wilie	1	0								
Ric. homine Rad. Mikilloue			2	0						

¹ Lynn.² The Fat.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Joh. de Aula	2	0	2	0	6	6	1	6
Hen. de Aula <i>fratre suo</i> ...	3	0	4	0	1	0	4	0
"Hen. Cochs"								3
Will. Carpentario	1	0	1	6		2	1	6
<i>Rob. de Charlea</i>	6							
Ric. Cuuario (le Cuuer) ...			6			2		6
Ada de Euinton	6		1	0	3	3	1	0
Ric. Wintir			6					nihil
Sim. Wibern	3	0	6	0	1	0	3	0
Will. de Melton	5	0	10	0	2	0	2	0
Rog. le lepere			6					
Gerasio de Cusington ...	3	0	5	0	6	6	6	0
Godefrido ([Otwico ¹]) ...	6		1	0	3	3		3
Tho. de Esfordeby	6		1	0		3	1	0
<i>Joh. de Neubold</i>	6							
Sim. Piscatore			6			2		6
Rad. Piscatore	6		6					
Warino le Sclater	6		1	0			1	0
<i>Ric. fratre Gernasii</i> ...	6							
Wal. le Sclater			6					
Joh. Flur	3	0	6	0	1	6	1	6
Rog. preposito			6					
Walrando le border ² ...			3					
Tho. <i>de</i> Blanke	6		1	6	3	3	1	6
Rad. Dille			6					
Hen. de Foxton	8	0	13	4	3	4	0	6
Will. Carpentario	6		6					
Phil. de Hungirton	6		1	0				6
Ric. de Celario ³ [de Wilie]			6			6		
Rad. le Mercer			1	0				
Joh. filio Matilde					6	1	0	
Galf. Spic	5	0	8	0	1	6	3	0
<i>Will. fil. Hugonis</i>	1	0						
Hen. Brunman			6			3		6
Galf. de Kibwurth	6		1	0				6
Will. de Belegraua	6		6		3	2		3
Joh. Fulgod (Fulgut) ...	6		2	0	3	3	2	0
<i>Alex. Alsy</i>	2	0						
Hug. de Sileby			8	0	1	6	2	0
<i>Greg. pistore</i>	1	0						
Rad. de Norhampton ...			4	0	1	0	2	0
<i>Rad. le Cutiler</i>	2	0						
Will. Baudewine	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0
Rob. le Furner ([Haliday])	6		1	0	3	3	1	0

¹ Cf. Oteswich about Wych Street, Westminster, from Otto the Goldsmith. St Martin Outwich in Threadneedle Street is called after the Oteswich family, the founders of it. W. H. S.

² Bordarius, cottier.

³ Of the cellar.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Hen. de Cumtaceþorp ¹ ...			1	0					1	0
Pet. le Norreys ...	6		2	0	6		6		1	0
Will. Spic ...	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Joh. Textore ...			10	0	2	0	4	0	13	4
Ric. Carpentario ...			6							
<i>Joh. le Teler</i> ...	5	0								
Will. de Norfolc ...			6							
Will. le Engleys ...	10	0	13	4	2	0	4	0	20	0
Will. de Glen ...	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Gilb. le Massun ...			1	0	3				6	
Ric. de Mardefeld ...			6							
Will. le Cuppere ...			6							
Ric. Walkere ...			6							
Amicia de Sheynton [pro bestiis] ...	1	0	1	6	6		3		1	0
Rob. Keling ...			1	0						
Rob. de Couplond ...	1	0	1	0	6		2		1	0
Alano Messor ² (le Messer)	1	0			1	0	6		2	0
"Alano de Brakelia" ...									1	6
Alicia de Hocþorp ³ ...			4	0					3	0
Henrico de Hocþorp ...	5	0			2	0	7	0		
Joh. le paumer ...	5	0	10	0	2	0	7		8	0
Hen. Abouetun ...	1	0	4	0	6		6		5	0
Ric. de Knyttun ...			6							
Will. de Claybroc ...	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	6	0
[Joh. Werpeloc] ...					6					
Will. Iring ⁴ ...			20	0			10	0	6	8
<i>Matilda Curlevache</i> ...	10	0								
Nic. filio Martini ...	13	4	20	0	5	0	6	0	20	0
Rog. de Wiluby ...	1	0	2	0	6		6		1	0
Hen. de Morton ...	5	0	8	0	1	0	3	0	1	6
Rad. de Carleton ...	6		1	0						
Joh. de Knyttun ...	4	0	6		1	0	6		4	0
Alex. de Outheby ⁵ <i>le Tanur</i>	1	0	6		3		2		2	0
Alicia Norman ...	6	8	10	0	2	0	6		8	0
<i>Will. Heutewyn</i> ...	3	0								
Laur. le Seler ...	2	0	8	0	1	0	2	0		
<i>Hugo le Bray</i> ...	6									
Wal. Longo ...			1	0					1	0
Galf. ad fontem ...			1	0						
Hen. de Leyke ...	6		1	0			2		2	0
Hen. de Couentria ...	1	0	4	0	6		6		2	0
<i>Will. le Marewe</i> ...	6									
<i>Walt. de Thurmodeston</i> ...	6									
"Joh. de Blaby" ...									2	0

¹ Countesthorpe.² Reaper.³ Othorpe.⁴ Described as Vinetarius in Roll 64.⁵ Oadby.

The sums of the five rolls are given as £48. 5s. 2d., £32. 10s. 3d., £5. 14s. 9d., £19. 16s. 4d.¹, £30. 15s. 4d. Box 3, No. 61, here ends. Square brackets now distinguish names contributed from Roll 64; and its payments occupy the fourth column.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
<i>De quarterio Australi</i>								
Bert. Caperun	3	0					6	0
Jac. Motun	6	8						
Margaria ² relicta Jacobi Motun (uxore Jacobi)			6		1	0	3	0
Ric. Kade	4	0	1	6	2	0	8	0
[Will. de Munsorel]							2	0
Will. le Gardiner	3	0	2	0	4	0	4	0
Rob. Mey	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0
Will. Prudfot ³	13	4	4	0	6	0	30	0
Matilda de Groby	1	0	6					
[Amicia que fuit uxor Roberti de Thurmodeston]							5	0
Hugo Chaynel	1	0	6		6	8	2	0
[Will. de Wiluby]							1	6
Will. de Ayleston	1	0						
Rob. Saleman (Seleman)	10	0	3	0	4	0	26	8
(Margaria le Mercer) [Beneyt]					2		6	
Will. Louird ⁴	1	0	6		6		1	6
(Rob. Mildus)	6				2		6	
Adam de Brinklowe [le Tanur]	1	0	3		3		6	
(Phil. Cheynel)	6				6		1	0
Rad. Elys	1	0	1	0	6			
[Tho. Molendinario]							2	0
[Ernald. Molendinario]							2	0
Joh. de Bredon	6							
Walt. de Kirkeby			6		6		2	0
[Will. Suart ⁵]							1	0
Ric. de Ibestoke			6		6		2	0
[Galf. de Branciston]							1	0
Sibilia ² de Cranford			1	0	2	0		
Rad. aquario (le ewer ⁶)	1	6	6		6			
Rog. aquario (le ewer)			6				1	6
[Waudino Crede]							nihil	
(Galf. de Lutterworth)					3			
[Rob. de Birstall]							6	
Tho. filio Petri	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
[Nic. de Burton]							6	
Will. Mahev			1	0			1	0
[Rob. de Outheby]							6	
Hug. de Anlep	6						6	

¹ Written xviid. iiis.³ Proudfoot.⁴ Lord.² Roll 62 adds "pro bestiis."⁵ Swarthy.⁶ Waterman.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
[Ric. le Furnur]							5	0
<i>Rog. de Bracina</i> ¹		6						
<i>Hug. de Sileby</i>	4	0						
Hen. Hileme	4	0	1	0	1	6	8	0
<i>Rob. de Corby</i>	1	6						
Hawisa de Corby			3		6			
Will. de Sileby Mercenario (mercer)	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
Alex. Alsì			1	6	2	0	13	4
And. de Wateberg	2	0	1	0	13	4	4	0
[Laur. le Seler]							8	0
Will. Tabur [Vinetarius]	10	0	3	0	3	0	20	0
Tho. le Cutiler	1	0	6		2	0	1	0
Rob. Lorimario ²	5	0	1	6	4	0	6	0
Alex. Lorimario [de Scharneford]	4	0	1	6	2	0	6	0
[Will. de Stanton]								6
<i>Will. cum Barba</i>		6						
Rob. de Wytewik	5	0	1	0	2	0	4	0
<i>Walt. de Eboraco</i>	5	0					1	0
[Joh. Dike]							3	0
Rob. Sele	6				3		1	0
Mic. le Cutiler	6		3		1	0	1	0
Rob. fil. Mathei	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
<i>Hen. Curleuache</i>	1	0						
Will. Pays	4	0	2	0	2	6	1	0
[Laur. le Heftere ³]								3
Will. de Couplond	3	0	6		1	0	3	0
Acone cum barba	6		3					6
Will. Hornere ⁴	1	6	6		6		2	0
Will. Drambil	6		3					
Will. de Thringiston	1	0	6					
<i>Galf. de Glouernia</i> ⁵	6							
<i>Will. Beli</i>	6							
<i>Ric. de Ibestock</i>	1	0						
<i>Will. de Sileby pistore</i>	4	0						
<i>Walt. de Kirkeby</i>	1	0						
<i>Ernald de Molendino</i>	6							
<i>Galf. de Wakirle</i>	6							6
Will. fil. Amicie	1	0	6					
[Walt. le Combere]								3
<i>Joh. fil. Amicie</i>	16	0						
<i>Hen. de Wytewik</i>	6							
<i>Greg. de Walton</i>	6						2	0
Joh. de Knyttcote [Vinetario]	10	0	4	0	4	0	30	0
Joh. ad portam australem			5	0	6	8	26	8

¹ Of the brewery.² Maker of bridles or of harness ornaments. *Cath. Ang.* p. 221, note.³ Handle-maker.⁴ Worker in horn.⁵ Gloucester.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
[Steph. Cissore]	6
Tho. de Meleburn	6	3	3	1	0
Will. de Ayleston	2	0	1	0	6
Rad. de Couentria	2	0	6	6	0
Tho. de Couentria	3	0	6	1	0
Rob. de Wiluby	6	6	3	...	...
Hen. de Kibwurthe (Kyworth)	6	3	2	6	...
Rob. de Glen	5	0	2	0	8
Ric. de Blaby	26	8	8	0	40
Tho. Gunfrey	1	0	1	0	4
Phil. de Couentria	1	6	6	1	6
(Will. de Knapetoft)	1	6	...
Will. Iring	13	4	5	0	...
Hen. Bertram	1	0	1	0	6
Joh. Ruffo (le Rus ¹)	10	0	4	0	16
Joh. de Wiluby	1	0	3	6	...
Sym. Berchario	1	0	6	6	...
<i>Sim. Kec</i>	1	0	...	...	...
<i>Hen. Bertram</i>	4	0	...	...	...
<i>Rob. de Belegraua</i>	6	...	...	...	...
<i>Ric. de Leyke</i>	6	...	...	...	...
Tho. de Copston	6	3	3	1	0
Joh. carucario (le caruer) <i>Plouman</i>	1	0	6	3	0
Rad. Osemund	2	0	6	3	0
Rob. Stevene	1	0	...	6	...
[Ric. Surdo ²]	6	...
[Rob. de Leyre]	3	...
[Joh. de Wyluby]	2	0
Joh. Tulle	6	6	6	3	0
[Rob. de Elrenefeld]	6	...
[Galf. Mus]	3	...
Hug. de Blaby	6	3	6	6	...
<i>Joh. Werpeloc</i>	3	0	6	3	0
[Joh. de Esseby]	1	0
[Tho. de Molendino]	4	0
Joh. de Hochthorp	13	4	6	0	40
Hen. Ferrey	6	...	3	...	...
(Emma Sur le tertre ³)	6	...	...
(Will. ad Molendinum)	3	...	...
Batecoc Ruffo (le Rus)	1	0	1	0
Margeria ⁴ Beneyt	3	...	...	...

The sum of the first column is given as £12. 8s. 4d.; of the second as £4. os. 4d.; of the third as £12. os. 8d.; of the fourth as £21. 11s. 10d.

¹ The red.² The deaf.³ On the hill.⁴ "Pro bestiis" in Roll 62.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
<i>De quarterio occidentali</i>								
Alex. le Spicer	1	0	6		5	0	8	0
Joh. de Scharneford	2	0						
Joh. de Aylisham			6		8		5	0
Hen. Cheualer			1	0	6			
Galf. Wibern	1	0	6		6		3	0
Margeria vxor Waryn [de Kirby] ...			3		3			6
Galf. de S. Botulfo	1	6	1	6	1	6	3	0
Joh. Venatore (le Venur ¹)		6	6		2			nil
Alex. de Segraua	1	6	1	0	1	0	4	6
Ric. Mariscallo			3		3			
Ric. de Kayham	1	0					1	0
Galf. fil. Herberti	1	0	1	0	6		4	0
[Hen. Fadiray]								6
Rog. de Sileby	6	8	1	6	2	0	16	0
Will. de Brailisford		6						
(Amicia Seriaunt)					3			
Rob. Fabro			3		3			
[Egidio genero Hugonis Loueman] ...							1	0
(Rob. le Plumer) [Ledbetere]					3			6
Alex. Deboner	1	0	6		6	8		
Pet. Keling	10	0	4	0	6	8	24	0
Matilda Tichinne <i>et filiis suis</i> ...	1	0	3		6		1	0
Walkelino de Monsorel <i>Wacke de Mon-</i> <i>sorel</i>	6	8	2	0	2	0		
Hen. Dike	1	0	6		6		1	0
Hugone Adun (Adyn)		6	3		3		1	0
Will. Penifot			3		3		1	0
Rad. de Lenna	1	0						
Will. Lombe		6					2	0
Ric. de Schelton	2	0	1	0			4	0
Hugo Blecstere ²	1	0						
Joh. de Saut	3	0	1	0	1	0		
Rand. Lingedraper	6	8	1	0	1	0	3	4
Alicia Schep	1	0						
Giloto Cissore (Gilleto le Taylur) ...	5	0	2	0	6	8		
[Will. Cissore]							12	0
Alex. de Staneuord	6	8	3	0	6	8	13	4
(Rad. de Belgraue)					3			
Alex. Persun	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
(Ric. Pescur) [Piscatore]					3		1	0
Will. Pille	2	0	6		6		3	0
[Tho. Fuke]								6

¹ Huntsman.² Whitester, bleacher or launder, in *Prompt. Parv.* p. 39.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Rob. de Columbario		6						
Hen. Urri		6						
Rob. de Egilton		6		6		3		6
[Alicia de Ketene]								6
[Dike de Hawethirn]								2 0
Ric. de Wikengiston	1	6	1	0		3		4 0
(Ric. de Scherne)						3		
Will. de Nouo Castello				3		3		1 0
Will. Suart				3				
[Joh. de Honington]								6
Joh. Makepays		6						6
Will. de Kirkeby	3	0	1	6		2 0		12 0
Hen. Keling		6		3		1 0		4 0
Nic. le Burgeys		6						
Rad. de Rothelea		6						
Jordano le Fleming [vinetario]				5 0		15 0		6 8
Joh. Griffyn				6		6		
Hen. de Rodington [vinetario]	33	4	13	4		20 0		133 4
Rog. de Keston		1 0				6		4 0
Galf. Vinetario et Joh. socio suo		1 0						
Walt. de Sneth		1 0						
Galf. Arblaster ¹ [factore arcuum]		6						1 0
Walt. de Hethir				3		3		
Alicia sermoner ² (le sarmouner)				3		3		2 0
[Joh. de Baningham]								6 8
Elena Oliuer				nil		13 4		
Colino de Sowe, coco, (le cu)	1	0	1	0		1 0		4 0
[Sim. Berchario]								4 0
Hen. fil. Ricardi	4	0	2	0		1 6		3 0
[Jac. de Hunecote]								2 0
[Matilda de Groby]								1 0
Tho. Ouernon	1	0		3		3		1 0
Ric. Curteys	1	0		3		3		6
Rob. Deth				6		3		
Pet. le beus (de beus) [vinetarius]				6		6		6 8
(Alan. Parmenter)						3		
Alan. de Humbirstan	4	0	1	0		3 0		6 0
(Hugo le Tailur)						6		
[Helya le Gredie]								1 0
Rob. Sabyn		6		3		3		2 0
Will. de Blaby	2	0		6		6		4 0
Juliana Waleys	1	0		3		3		
Jac. de Honecote	1	0		6		6		
[Will. de Bracina]								3 0
Rad. Sabyn	1	0		6		6		3 0

¹ Cross-bowmaker.² Preacher.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Rob. de Tokeby	1	0	6		6		4	0
Rog. le furbeur ¹	2	0	6		6			6
Will. le mustarder	1	0	3		3		4	0
<i>Hugo Pite</i>	6							
Leticia Houhil (Howel)			1	0	1	0	2	0
Bert. Caprun (Bette Caperun)			2	0	1	0		
Hug. Cissore			6				2	0
[Joh. Swampe]								6
[Galf. Coterel]								6
[Pet. Vergaunt]								6
(Joh. le Tauerner) [de Couentria vinetario]						6	6	8

The sums of the columns as given are £6. 15*s.* 0*d.*; £3. 11*s.* 4*d.*; £10. 7*s.* 2*d.*; and £17. 13*s.* 2*d.* In Roll 64 the collectors have a clerk, Tho. de Luda (Louth).

				<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>De quarterio Boreali</i>											
(Hugo le Botiler ²)					3			
(Greg. Coco)				I	0		
(Rob. Rauene)				6			
(Adam le Messer)				3			
(Rob. Hors)				6			
(Sim. de coquina)				2			
(Joh. le Tanur)				6			
(Ric. le Blund)				I	2		
(Rog. le Mazun)				2			
(Will. de Stabulo)				6			
Hen. Mustard		6		2			
<i>Hugo Cherl</i>		6					
<i>Hugo Cissore</i>	I	0					
[Alan Pite]							6
[Sim. Careles]							6
[Hen. de Roteby]							nil
[Galf. Mauclerc vinetario]						10	0
[Rob. Pictore]						I	0
[Joh. Mile]							6
Will. Mariscallo (le marscal)	4	0	4	0	I3	4	6
<i>Rog. de Wakirle</i>	I	0					8
[Joh. Cissore]							6
Phil. le turnur	I	6	6		6		3
Joh. de Sancto Laudo (Seyntloy)	5	0	2	0	3	0	I3
[Hen. de Hinkeleia]							4
Joh. Payn	4	0	2	0	I	0	0
[Joh. Keling]							6
Joh. de Keston			6		6		8

¹ Polisher of arms.

² As in Roll 26 the quarters are not indicated, these may be displaced.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
[Rob. Deth]							1	0
Rog. Cissore	1	0						
[Will. qui fuit cum Jordano]							1	0
[Rob. Griffyn]								6
[Galf. Cuuario]								6
Bate Petyt	4	0	6		2	0	2	0
Joh. Coc.		6			2		1	0
Rob. de Petling	2	0	6		6		6	8
[Walt. Cuuario]								3
[Giloto Cissore]								6
[Joh. le Wayte]								6
Will. de Carleton	1	0	3		3		1	0
Hen. de Rolea et matre <i>Matilda</i> sua	6	8	3	0	2	0	1	0
<i>Will. Le Be</i>		6			2			
Rob. de Somirdeby	3	0	5		2	0	4	0
Oda de Wikingiston	5	0	1	6	2	0	3	0
Rad. Payn			6		6		1	0
Will. de Bagwurth	1	0	3		6			
<i>Joh. de Dersford</i>		6			3		1	0
Hen. de Cosington	1	0	3		6		1	6
Rob. de Lutteburg	5	0	3	0	3	0	20	0
(Walt. Ingolt)					6			6
Joh. de Bottelea	4	0	6		6		5	0
Joh. de Anesty	1	0	4	0	6	8	13	4
Walt. parmentario	2	0	6		6		3	0
<i>Gilb. de Wodegate</i>		6						
Will. Hereward	4	0					6	0
Rob. le Feere ¹	1	0						6
Will. ad le Forde			2	0	3	0		
[Joh. de Wissinden]								6
Sim. Glide	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	0
[Will. Marescallo]								6
(Will. Aldyt)					3		1	0
Hugo le Seynter ²	2	0	3		6		2	0
<i>Walt. le Seynter</i>		6						
Walt. Le Brune	2	0	6		1	0	4	0
Pet. Herbert	2	0	1	0	3		2	0
Rog. Aldyth	1	0	6		6			
Hugo cum Naso	1	0	6		2		1	0
[Joh. Bachiler]							1	0
Ric. de Beurlaco	2	0	3		6		2	0
(Rad. Norman)					2			6
Rad. cum Naso					2			
Ada cum Naso	1	0	6					3
Petro de S. Laudo	1	0					1	0

¹ Smith.² Beltmaker.

			s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Will. Waleys Vinetario ...	...	...	6	8	3		3	0	13	4
Joh. Piscatore (le pescur)	...	...			2	0	3	0		
<i>Marta le Stabler</i>	...	...	1	0						
<i>Rob. Urry</i> ...	...	...		6			2		6	
Hen. de Hinkeleia ...	...	...	8	0	3	0	2	0		
Rob. Cissore (le Taylur)	...	...	10	0	1	0	6	8		
[Matilda Cagge, vinetario]	...	...							13	4
Colino ad fontem ...	...	...			4	0	6		1	0
(Hen. le Packere)	...	...					2		6	
Laur. Seman ...	...	...	8	0	2	0	3	0	13	4
Will. de Neubold ...	...	...		6						3
Will. Parser ...	...	...		6					1	0
Walt. de Barnisby ...	...	...	1	0	6		1	0	1	0
<i>Ric. de Scelton</i> ...	...	...	2	0			1	0		
Pet. Blundo (le Blund) ...	...	...	10	0	1	0	6	0	2	0
(Will. le Blund) ...	...	...					2	0		
Joh. de Holegate ...	...	...		6	4	0	3			
[Isabella Pareswerd]	...	...								6
[Rog. Seman] ...	...	...								6
Rog. de Bradegate ...	...	...	5	0	3		3	0	10	0
[Gerv. Carnifice] ...	...	...							1	0
<i>Rob. de Thorneton</i> ...	...	...		6						
Hen. fil. Walteri ...	...	...		6	3		6		2	0
Hen. Leffe ...	...	...	1	0			3			
(Warino Petyt) <i>Carnifice</i> ...	...	...		6			3		1	0
Pet. Ouernoyn ...	...	...		6			3		1	0
Rob. de Querndon ...	...	...	2	0	2	0	2	0	5	0
Tho. Mantelet ...	...	...	1	0	1	0	3		1	0
Will. fil. Johannis [Will. Jon] ...	...	...	1	0	3		6		1	0
[Sim. le lickede ¹] ...	...	...								6
[Will. fil. Hugonis seniore]	...	...								3
Will. fil. Hugonis iuniore ...	...	...			1	0	1	0	5	0
<i>Will. Pertre</i> ...	...	...		6						
[Hugo Pite] ...	...	...								1

The totals are given as £7. 9s. 4d.; £2. 14s. 3d.; £9. 16s. 8d.; and £12. os. 11d.

Roll 86 contains no list of inhabitants of the suburb, though collectors for the suburb are named. Besides the Collectors two "Camerarii" are named, Ric. de Blaby and Joh. ad Portam.

				s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
<i>De suburbio Leycestrie</i>									
(Ivo Stafford)				3		1
Joh. pictore (le peyntur)			3			6
Hug. fratre Walkelini		6				
[Bate Page de Groby]						1

¹ O. E. liccede, licked.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Rob. Petyt	1	6	2	0	6	0
[Will. de Bagwurthe]					5	0
Galf. Bakere	1	0	1	0	1	0
Rob. de Erndisby	3		3		1	0
(Joh. Leveryz) [Leverich]			3		3	
Sim. Keling	1	0	1	0	4	0
Will. Sixandtventi	1	6	1	6	9	0
(Joh. de Ayliston)			3		3	
[Hen. in Marisco]					6	
(Margareta Hemery)			2		1	0
(Emma le Mareys)			6			
Ric. Cissore (le Tailur)	6		6			
[Will. Seman]					6	
Walt. de Hocton	1	0	1	0	3	0
Rad. fil. Radulfi	6		6		5	0
Hen. de Alrewas (Alderwas)	3		6		2	0
Tho. le Veyeve ¹ (le Wyif)	3		1	0	5	0
Rog. Driweri	3		3	0	10	0
[Isabella Aileve]					6	
[Rob. Coynterel]					1	0
Rad. le Bere	3		3		1	0
Milone fil. Gameli	6		6		1	0
Hen. Gamel	3		2		4	0
(Sim. de Tokeby)			2		6	
(Tho. de Scrapetoft)			2		6	
[Rog. de Reresby]					6	
Will. le Norreys	2	0	1	0	8	0
Will. Kellere ²	3		6		1	0
Joh. Keling	1	0	2	0		
Joh. Wineger	1	0	1	0	13	4
Will. Bate	3	0	6	8		
Adam Cokinbred	3		3		6	
Rad. Queniburg	6				1	0
Walt. de Stocton	3				1	0
Walt. de Lidinton ³	1	0	1	6	10	0
Yuone de Rolea	3		3		1	0
Rob. Beneyt ³	3	0	3	0	6	0
Sim. Caritas	6		1	0	2	0
[Rogero Boner]					3	
(Galf. de Burton)			3		3	
(Ric. de Notingham)			3		1	0
Joh. Glide	2	0	2	0	6	0
Rob. de Knytton	3		3			
Rog. Glide	3		1	0	1	0
[Will. fil. Radulfi]					3	

¹ Waif?² Caul-maker.³ Compare some of the names with the list of Bishop's Tenants, 1286.

	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
[Nic. de Mardefeld]			1 0
[Hugo Ongodishalve]			6
[Rog. Barun]			1 0
(Galf. de Haldoneby)		3	6
(Rob. filio Berte) [Rob. Berte]		3	6
(Rob. Cloue)		2	
(Rad. Lefthant)		6	2 0
(Ric. Wynter)		3	1 0
(Joh. de Thurketiston)		2 0	6 0
(Will. le Carpenter)		3	1 0
[Rog. de Gadisby]			1 0
[Galf. de Melton]			3
Joh. quondam socio Symonis Glide	1 0		
Rob. fil. Aconis (Rob. Ace)	2 0	2 0	6 0
Ric. de Segraua	6	6	1 6
(Will. de Anlep)		2	
Hen. Kay	3	6	1 0
Rad. Glide	1 0	1 0	3 0
[Will. de Branciston]			2 0
[Rob. genero Radulfi Glide]			6
Nic. de Merdefeld (Marthefeud)	3	6	
Rob. de Croxton	3		
(Sim. de Thurmanston)		3	
Rob. de Wiuelisle	2 0	4 0	13 4
Ric. sub Muro	1 0	1 0	10 0
Walt. de Ayliston	1 6	3 0	10 0
(Herb. de Swythelund)		3	6
Elena Champeneys	3		
[Rob. de Wutton]			6
Helya fil. Walteri	1 6	2 0	10 0
Will. le Massun	1 0	2 0	6 8
Rad. Iring	1 0	6	
[Tho. Carpentario]			6
(Will. de Luttebor)		2	6
Will. fil. Milonis (W. Mile)	1 0	1 0	4 0
Alano [Alex.] ad fontem		2	6
[Tho. de Sileby]			6
Dauid de Houby	1 6	2 0	3 0
(Alex. Beneyt)		2	
Alex. le Taner	6		4 0
(Tho. le Tanur)		6	
(Will. Wytchild)		3	
[Walt. fil. Alani]			3
[Matilda et (blank) sororibus Ricardi le furner]			6
Ric. de Merkingfeud (de le Waynhous)	1 0	2 0	6 0
Rog. de Outheby	1 0	2 0	10 0
Hug. fil. Alani	1 0	1 0	3 0
Ranulpho Pistore	3	3	2 0

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Will. de Lidington	1	6	1	6	3	0
Bate de Rolliston		3		3		6
[Will. de Rolea]						3
[Rog. Bate]					6	8
[Mat. Botte]					1	0
[Will. de Derby]						6
(Galf. de Swythelund)				6	1	0
Matilda Gundi	1	0	2	0		
(Tho. le Messer)				3		
Joh. de Clipston	1	0	1	6	8	0
Alicia Alsi		3		3		
[Will. de Burgo]						3
Tho. Ridere	1	6	7	8	13	4
[Walt. socio eius]					6	8
Will. de Dauby (Dalby)	1	0	2	0		
(Will. de Foxton)		6		2	0	
[Batecoc Ruffo]						3
[Hen. Coc. Gilberti]						4
[Joh. Ferrey]						3

The three columns of the suburb are added as £2. 14s. 3d.; £8. 1s. 6d.; and £14. 7s. 6d.

The sum total of Roll 86 is given as £55. 8s. 10d.; of Roll 62 as £18. 4s. 10d.; of Roll 26 as £60. 1s. 4d.; and of Roll 64 as £96. 8s. 10d.

Box 3, No. 61. Memorandum quod Hen. de Rodington' et Alex. Deboner ad predictam taxationem fideliter faciendam, et per suum juramentum primo elegerunt istos, scilicet Will. Leffe, Will. Ace, And. de Wateber', Hen. Hileme, Nic. Burgeys, Hen. de Hinkle, Will. Waleys, Rob. Saleman, Walt. le brune, Will. le Engleys, Hen. de Morton, Hen. Bertram, Rad. de Couentre, Joh. Wineger, Ric. de Merkingfeld', Rog. de Outheby, Alex. le specer, Rog. de Sileby, Will. de Couplond, Bertramum le croise, Will. Sixandtwenti, Helyam in venella, Hen. de Louseby, Joh. de Scharneford, Ingramum carnificem, scilicet de bonis mobilibus hominum Leycestrie, exceptis bonis eorundem juratorum. Et postea, ad bona predictorum juratorum taxanda, fuerunt isti electi et jurati, sicut et prenominati, scilicet Rob. filius Ace, Nich. filius Martini, Joh. de Knyttcote,

Memorandum that Henry of Roddington and Alexander Debonnair for the making of the said rate faithfully and by their oath first chose these (25 names): to wit for the moveable goods of Leicester men, excepting the goods of those jurors. And afterwards for rating the goods of the aforesaid jurors these were chosen and sworn as the aforesaid were: to wit Robert Azo's son

Alex. de Segraua, Will. de Blaby et Mathias Fode : sed Elena Oliuer prenominata, manens super feodum hospitalariorum, et homines manentes super feodum Episcopi dicunt quod nolunt concedere bona sua taxari per predictos viros electos et iuratos, et ideo per illos non taxantur.

XL. *Tallage Rolls and Memoranda of Collector's Accounts.*

Box 3, No. 72 (1). [c. 1270.] Isti sunt electi ad eligendum xx. legales homines ad taylagium assisandum (26 names).

Box 3, No. 63. [? 1270.] [Called a portion of a tallage roll of 1270, for raising £24. 6s. *od.*, but the evidence to this effect is gone. On the back of the roll is noted "Orient' £24. 6s. *od.*" In a very rotten state.] De porta australi £12. 2s. 8*d.* De porta occidentali £11. 6s. 8*d.* De porta boreali £10. 6s. 4*d.* [A total of £55. 7s. 2*d.* is entered.]

Augmentacio et Relaxacio Tallag' in forma predicta facta fuit per preceptum Senescalli domini Comititis per homines ad hoc deputatos quorum nomina continentur in quadam parua cedula.

Box 3, No. 72 (6). [1270.] Memorandum super collectam assisam in Leycestria die Mercurii proxima post pascha floridum ad debita in quibus communitas Leycestrie tenebatur adquietanda a. r. r. Henrici LIIII.

(From the East quarter £32. 10s. 3*d.*¹ The collector's payments and arrears are noted.)

Memorandum de tallagio assiso ad pascha pro misericordia in quam cecidimus, ad presenciam Justitiariorum, et ad debita adquietanda (etc.).

(and 5 others). But Ellen Oliver aforesaid², dwelling on the fee of the hospitallers³, and the men dwelling on the Bishop's fee say that they will not allow their goods to be rated by the aforesaid men chosen and sworn, and therefore by them they are not rated.

XL. These are chosen to choose 20 lawful men for assessing tallage.

The increase and release of tallage in the aforesaid form was made by order of the Lord Earl's steward by men appointed for the purpose whose names are contained in a certain little schedule.

Memorandum on a collection assessed in Leicester on Wednesday next after Palm Sunday to discharge debts which the community of Leicester owed, 54 Henry III.

Memorandum about a tallage assessed at Easter, for the mercy into which we fell, for the Justices' present, and for discharging debts (etc.).

¹ i.e. as above in Roll 62.

² She is in the list of tallage payers as giving nothing.

³ Excepted from the tallage as above noted, No. 86, p. 128.

Memorandum super tallagium assisum ante Pentecosten ad cartam domini Regis perquirendum quod non debeant distringi nisi sint debitores uel plegii, a. r. r. Henrici LIII.¹

Box 3, No. 72 (6). [v^o.] [1272—4.] [Jurors named to collect the tallage 57 Henry III. (6 names).]

Expense facte in exennio ad opus domine regine de Scotia² in aduentu suo apud Leycestriam.

Expense marescallorum domini regis in itinere apud Leycestriam *xli. vis. iid. ob.*

Box 3, No. 68. [May 11, 1274.] Collecta assisa in Leycestria die Veneris proxima post ascensionem a. r. r. Edwardi secundo ad [debita] in quibus communitas Leycestrie tunc tenebatur acquietanda elect' per maiorem Leycestrie et per Juratores et per XXIII. homines electos in Leycestria.

De Quartrona Orientali.

Joh. Cagge	3s.	Ingram. Carnifex	9s.
Hen. le Mustarder	2s.	Item de vicesima	1s.
Tho. fil. Clerici	2s.	Rob. de Sileby	1s.
Pet. Veriaunt	1s.	Elias de Wylie	1s.
Hugo in Solario	3s.	Ric. Fode	1s.
Ric. de Asfordeby	5s.	Item Elias de Willie	6d.
Bert. le Cruce	26s. 8d.	Rad. Fode	4s.
Joh. Sturdi Junior	1s. 6d.	Item de vicesima	6d.
Wil. de Sileby	5s.	Reg. de Ridilinton	1s.
Item de antiquo debito	1s.	Hugo socius eius	1s. 6d.
Rog. de Sileby	20s.	Matilda le Coupere	4s.
Item de antiquo per collectionem		Will. Leffe	16s.
Rogeri de Keston	6s. 8d.	Item de vicesima	6d.
Alan. le Gardener	1s.	(Etc.)	
Cyrecok Curteys	1s.		

Memorandum on a tallage assessed before Whitsuntide for getting the Lord King's charter that people ought not to be distrained unless they are debtors or pledges, 53 Hen. III.

Expenses incurred for the gift for the use of the Lady Queen of Scotland on her arrival at Leicester.

Expenses of the Lord King's marshalls in the Eyre at Leicester, £10. 6s. 2½d.

Collection assessed in Leicester on Friday next after Ascension Day 2 Ed. I. to discharge the debts which the community of Leicester then was owing, chosen by the Mayor of Leicester and by the Jurors and by 24 men chosen in Leicester. (Some pay for the old debt, some for the twentieth, as above.)

¹ See No. xxxi.

² Margaret Queen of Scots came to England for the coronation of Edward I. Aug. 1274.

The total number of names in the East quarter is 100, and amount of payments £22. 4s. 9d.; in the South 82, £18. 13s. 8d.; in the East suburb 75¹, £11. 7s. 9d.; in the North 57, £12. 7s. 0d.; in the West 47, £9. 4s. 8d. Several payments are entered as *de antiquo, de alio debito, de vicesima*. Among the names occur "*Ric. de Clipestone, Paney nonus eius*"², also "*vxor Jacoby Someruile*," which helps to date No. xxxv. The total should be £73. 17s. 10d.; it is added as £74. 7s. 10d.

Box 3, No. 66 (1). [Ap. 1275.] *Collecta assisa in septimana proxima ante pascha floridum in Leycestria a. g. MCCLXXV. ad aquietandum debita communitatis: scilicet de fine penes marescallos domini regis et de exennio et expensis versus London' pro placito Johannis de Cotys et pro viridi cera.*

[111 persons, total paid "£12. 10s. 0d., less 2d."]

(2) South quarter, 69 persons pay £8. 10s. 6d.; East suburb, 63 persons pay £5. 15s. 0d.³

Small notes of accounts on the verso.

(3) West quarter, 42 persons pay £5. 10s. 0d.; (North) quarter, 48 persons pay £5. 8s. 0d.

The total is added as £37. 16s. 0d. instead of £37. 13s. 4d.]

Camerarii hujus collecte: scilicet Bert. le Cruser, Will. Baldwin, Joh. de Aylsam.

vº. [Nov. 30, 1275.] *De quartrona Orientali. Isti fuerunt allocati de denariis quos mutuauerunt communitati quando marschalli regis fuerunt apud Leycestriam ad dirigendum mensuras ad festum S. Andree a. r. r. Edwardi III. [7 names.]*

Collection assessed in the week next before Palm Sunday, in Leicester, 1275, to discharge the debts of the community: to wit for a fine to the marshals of the Lord King and for the present and for expenses (in going) to London for the plea of John of Cotes, and for the green wax⁴.

The Chamberlains of this Collection: to wit Bertram le Cruser, Will. Baldwin, John of Aylsham.

From the East quarter:—The following were allowed for the moneys which they lent to the community when the King's Marshals were at Leicester to settle the measures at the feast of St Andrew 3 Ed. 1.

¹ Including some afterwards described as the Bishop's tenants.

² Who afterwards appears as "*Dame pany*," and "*Pany noverca ejus*."

³ Only one name agrees with the list of Bishop's tenants in 1286.

⁴ Certain items of revenue in the Sheriff's Rolls called the Foreign Estreats, viz. outlying fines, issues and amercements are put in charge under a special Exchequer summons, bearing a seal of green wax. Cf. Madox, *Exchequer*, pp. 242-3, and Hall, *Antiquities of the Exchequer*, p. 173.

[Mar. 13, 1276.] Memorandum quod Tho. le Rider venit die Veneris post festum S. Gregorii MCCLXXV. in aula gilde coram maiore Willelmo le Engleys, Rob. de Dauby, Tho. Gunfrey, Hen. de Morton et aliis Juratoribus et cognovit teneri Communitati in dim. marc. argenti sub tali forma quod quietus est de omnibus arreragiis et tallagiis et aliis demandis communitatem tangentibus de tempore predicto usque eundem diem, et quod nullus collector audiat ei de illo tempore aliquid penes ipsum interroget de cetero (etc.).

Box I, No. 8 (2). [1275—6.] [v^o.] Compotus de tallagio facto.

[r^o.] Memorandum quod conpotus fuit coram maiore Willelmo le Engleys, Thoma Gumfrey, Alexandro le Deboner, Henrico de Morton, Thoma le Rider, Johanne le flour, quod¹ Matilda Cagge, Rob. le Taylour tenentur communitati Leycestrie in v. marcis argenti: vs. de quibus petit allocacionem.

[Mar. 24, 1275—6.] †Memorandum quod Robertus Sabin reddidit compotum die Martis ante annunciationem beate Marie a. g. MCCLXXV. de quarterio occidentali de collectione assisa ad pascha a. r. r. Edwardi II. videlicet de iiiij*l*. iiis. iiiij*d*. de claro recepto: et de allocacione iiiij*l*. xixs. ii*d*. et remanet in debito x*d*. †

†Eodem die Ric. de Stapilton reddidit conpotum de collectione assisa in XL^a. a. r. r. Edwardi III. de quarterio orientali, viz. de claro recepto iiiij*l*. xiiiis*ol*. x*d*. † [And similarly each collector renders his separate account.]

Note that Thomas the Rider came into the Gildhall on Friday after St Gregory's feast, 1275, before the Mayor Will. the Englishman, Rob. of Dalby, Tho. Gunfrey, Hen. of Morton and other Jurors, and confessed that he owed the community $\frac{1}{2}$ mark of silver on the understanding that he is quit of all arrears and tallages and other demands touching the community during the aforesaid time until that day, and that no collector may venture to question him henceforth concerning anything that he had during that time.

Account of Tallage made.

Memorandum that account was rendered before the Mayor William the Englishman (and five named), concerning the fact that Matilda Cagge (and) Robert the Tailor owe the community 5 marks of silver: he claims 5s. of this as allowance.

Memorandum that Robert Sabin rendered account on Tuesday before Lady Day 1275, of the West quarter, for the collection assessed at Easter 2 Ed. I. i.e. of £4. 3s. 4*d*. of clear receipt and £4. 19s. 2*d*. of allowance, and he remains 11*d*. in debt.

On the same day Richard of Stapleton rendered account of the collection assessed in Lent 3 Ed. I. for the East quarter, i.e. of clear receipt £4. 14s. 11*d*. (etc.).

¹ Preceded by *d*.

Box 3, No. 70. [After June 24, 1276.] Collecta assisa in Leycestria in septimana post festum Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptiste a. r. r. Edwardi III. per xxiii. Juratores electos per maiorem uel aliis eiusdem uille.

[East quarter, 149 names, £19. 1s. 4d. South quarter, 65 names, £12. 4s. 8d. East suburb, 93 names¹, £8. 18s. 0d. North quarter, 63 names, £9. 17s. 8d. West quarter, 58 names, £9. 11s. 11d. Total £60. 4s. 6d.² List of collections in each quarter.]

The roll begins: John Cagge 2s., Hen. le Mustarder 3s., Galf. de Lutterworth 6d., Will. de Bradegate 6d., Mat. de Northfolk 6d., Tho. Aldith 1s., Tho. Waynepayn 1s., Pet. Veriaunt deleted, Hugo In solario 1s., Ric. de Asfordeby 2s., Bert. le Cruser (2 marks deleted) 20s., Joh. Sturdy junior 2s. etc.]

XLI. *Charter of Edmund Crouchback, reforming the procedure of the Leicester Portmanmoot.* Box 16, No. 33³. [1277.]

Pur ceo ke les delays de la Curt de Portmannemot de Leycestre vnt este trop lungs e acuns vsages anuus a cels ke lor dreit dussent suivre, Syre Edmund, frere nostre seignor Le Rey, seignor de la vile auaunt dite, par son conseil et par assent del meyre e de iurees e de tote la commune de mesme la vile, ad ordeyne e purueu les amendemenz desus escripts.

Collection assessed in Leicester in the week after the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 4 Ed. I. by 24 Jurors chosen by the Mayor or by others of that town.

XLI. Whereas the delays of the Portmanmoot of Leicester have been too long and some usages have injured⁴ those who had to sue their right, Sir Edmund, brother of our Lord the King, lord of the aforesaid town, by his Council and by the assent of the Mayor and of the Jurats and of the whole community of the same town, has ordered and provided the amendments underwritten.

XLI. *Old English Translation of the same*⁵. V. B. No. 104.

For that that the delayes of the Court of Portmamote of Leycester have been full long and some vsages lessoned to theym that theyr right ought not (*sic*) sue, Syr Edmund brothre of our Lord the King, Lord of the Toun aforsaid, by hur counseyle and by thassent of the Mayre and of the Juriez and of all the Comens of the same Toun, hath ordeyned and purueied amendementes vndrewreten. First

¹ A few Bishop's tenants. Among the names is Walterus le Quernpackere.

² So in MS. instead of £59. 13s. 7d.

³ A copy in the V. B. No. 25. Printed in *Hist. Com. Rep.* Translated by J. D. Paul, *Origin of the Corporation of Leicester.*

⁴ Cf. Godefroy, *annuire*.

⁵ Given in Jeaffreson's *Index*.

*A distresse faire*¹. Enprimes pur ceo ke quant vn houte se fu pleint de vn altre de dette ou de trespas, demi an ou vn an enter passa souent auant ke il poeit mener sun aduersaire a respuns, partie par fieble destresce de baillifs e pur ceo ke eus muscerent lor choses en chaumbres ou ailors ke hum ne lor poeit destreindre, e ausi pur ceo ke eus passerent saunz amerciement de lors defautes: En amendement de ceste chose est purueu quant vn homme se pleint de vn altre reseaut en la vile en sa absence de dette ou de chatels a tort prises ou detenez, seit celi de ki il se est pleint somuns par tesmoinage de dous² veysins de estre a la prochein Curt a respundre. E si a cele Curt ne vegne, seit fet vne simple destresce sur li dek il se atache par pleggis de estre a lautre Curt e si il trusse pleggis e ne vegne pas ou si il ne voile pleggis trouer, seit comaunde a destreindre de estre a la terce Curt par la grant destresce par quanqe

To make a distress. In the first place because it happened that when a man has impleaded another for debt or trespass, half a year or a whole year often passed before he could bring his adversary to answer, partly by reason of the feeble distress of the bailiffs and partly because men hid their goods in rooms or elsewhere so that no one could distrain them, and partly because they escaped without amercement of their defaults: For amendment of this, it is provided that when a man impleads another resident in the town, in his absence, for debt or for chattels wrongfully taken or withheld, let him whom he impleads be summoned by witness of two neighbours, to be at the next Court to answer: And if he come not to that Court, let a Simple Distress be made on him until he be bound by sureties to be at the next Court, and if he find sureties and does not come, or if he will not find sureties, let order to distrain be issued to make him attend the third Court by the Great

for that that whan a man maketh his pleint of an oþere of det or of Trespas the half yere or oon yere hole passed often afore that he myght bring his aduersarie to aunswer to the partie by Feble distres of the baillieffes, And by that that they hyd theyr godes in chambres or oþere places there a man myght not distreyn them, And also for that that they passed without a merciemēt of þere defaultes, In amendement of this thing, It is purveied, whan a man pleyneth him of an othre Reseaut in the toun in his absence, of det, or of cataile with wrong taken or withholden, be he of whom is pleyned somond by witnes of two neighbours to be at the next court to aunsewer. And if þat court he commeth not, be made a symple distres untill he be attached by plegges to be at an oþere court; and if he find pleggez and comme not, or if he will not find plegges be he commaunded to be distreyned to be at the III^{de} court by the grete distres by what somme evyr a man

¹ Titles from the Vellum Book; not in the charter.

² *deuz* V. B.

hom troue del soen dedenz mesun ou dehors, issi ke si il face muscer ou encloure ses biens en chaumbre ou ailors, le baillif, par veue de les veisins, se face entre par tut a li destreindre dek ataunt kil se justise; e sil ad troue pleggis de uenir, seient les pleggis en la merci pur ceo ke els ne le aueient mie a lor ior, si eus ne puissent mustrer resnable enchesun pur quei eus ne le aueyent mie. En mesme la manere seit fet en plai de trespas quant a destresces, mes ke tut a de primes seit mis par pleggis.

Puis quant le defendaunt ad fet defautes issi kil vent par la grant destresce ke seit issue sur li, seit en la mercie, sil ne puisse ses defautes sauuer par dire ke il fu hors de vile e ren ne saueit del plai, ou ke il fu desturbe par altre achesun resnable, e ceo uoille auerrer.

Forfal. A ceo si le defendaunt eit plegges troue ou mainpernors de estre a la Curt a certain ior e ne i puisse estre, eyent les plegges ou

Distress, by whatsoever may be found of his, within his house or without: So that if he causes his goods to be hidden or shut up in a room or elsewhere, the bailiff by view of the neighbours may enter everywhere to distrain him until justice shall be done: And if he has found pledges to come, let the pledges be in mercy for that they did not have him (in Court) on the day appointed, unless they can shew reasonable excuse why they did not have him: In the same way let it be done in plea of trespass as to distresses, but so that everything from the first shall be done by sureties. Afterwards when the defendant has made defaults so that he comes by the Great Distress which is to be issued against him, let him be in mercy, unless he can save his defaults by saying that he was out of town and knew nothing of the plea, or that he was hindered by other reasonable excuse, and will aver the same.

Forfal. Also if the defendant has found pledges or mainpernours for his appearance at the Court on a certain day and he cannot be there, let the pledges or the mainpernours, if they wish, have on the day a Forfal for him,

findeth of his within his house or without. So þat if he make to hyde or inclose in chambre or in oþere places, the baillief by the sight of the neighbours him make entre thorough out all, to distrein him of þat for asmuch that he him iustifieth. And if he hath founden plegges to comme, be his plegges amerced for that þat they comme not at þere day, If they may not shewe Resonable enchesoun for the which they comme not. In the same maner be it made in ple of trespas as to distresses, but þat all at the first be put by plegges. Afterwarde whan the defendant hath made defautes so þat he comme by grete distres that þat issue vpon him, be in amercy, If he may not his defautes save, to sey that he was out of þe town and knewe not of the pleinte, or that he was distourbet by an othre cause resonable, that he wille auerre. To that if the defendaunt haue founden plegges or mainpernours to be at the court at a certain day, and ther may not be, haue thoes plegges or

les meinpernors sil uoilent a ior vn forfal¹ pur ly en lu de assoyne, cum auant fu vse, e le eyent puis auant a vn altre ior.

Haue Lawe. A ceo quel oure ke les parties vegnent primes ensemble en Curt, le defendaunt, sil veut, die Hauelawe e par taunt passe a cele iornee cum auant fu vse, issi ke mes par hauelawe dire en vne querele ne seit delay grante for vne fiez². E quant il auera dit Hauelawe, trusse plegges ou mette sun estal en pleggage, si il seit estale, de venir a la prochein Curt siwant³ cum fu auant vse. E si dunc ne vegne, seit destreint par la grant destresse cum auant est dit des kil vegne, E quant il vent seit en la merci si il ne puisse ses defautes sauuer.

De plegiage et de maynprise. E pur ceo ke auent acune fiez ke vn

instead of an essoin, as was formerly the custom, and let them produce him there on another day.

*Have Law*⁴. Also at the time when the parties first come together in Court, let the defendant, if he will, say Have Law and thereby go free on that day as formerly was the custom, but by saying Have Law in one suit, delay may not be granted more than once. And when he has said Have Law, let him find pledges, or put his stall⁵ in pledge, if he be stalled, to appear at the next Court following, as was customary of old, and then if he does not come, let him be distrained by the Great Distress, as is said above, till he comes, and when he comes, let him be in mercy, if he cannot save his defaults.

Of Pledging and Mainprise. And whereas it happens sometimes that

those mainpernours, If they wolde, at the day oone forsalle (*sic*) for him in the stede of assoyne as afore it was used, And there haue they afterward afore at anothre day. To that at which oure that the parties commen first to gedre in court, the Defendaunte, If he wolde sey 'Have Lawe' and by that passe at þat iourney as afore it was used, so that bot by 'Have Lawe' to sey in oon quarrell be no delay graunted bot oon tyme. And whan he hath sayde 'Have Lawe' finde he plegges, or to put his estall in plegage. And if he be Rueled to comme at the next court suyng as was vsed afore, And If than he comme not, be he distreyned by the grete distresse, as it is sayde afore, till he comme, And whan he commeth be he amercyed, If he may not his defawtes save. And for þat that it happeneth oþere while þat a man pleyne the him of an othre of a grete quantite of Det or of

¹ Written *forfal* here, *forsal* in V. B. It is the Danish *Forfald* (hindrance); in Danish law "a sufficient excuse."

² V. B. *foiz*.

³ V. B. *suiaunt*.

⁴ He will have or make law, establish his defence by oath. Cf. Maitland on "Legem facere," *Pleas of the Crown for Gloucester*, note 20.

⁵ See the passage on the "homo stallatus," p. 116; here it may mean the instalment of debt.

homme se pleint de vn altre de grant quantite de dette ou de gref trespas e celi de ki se est pleint ne seit mie asez iustisable par teres ne tenemenz ne par altre chose ke il ad en la vile a vne fiez, vent e meine chatels en la vile, e est par ceus chatels destreint a sei iustiser, e face deliuerer ces Chatels par plegges ou meinpernors a uenir e a estre a dreiture, puis lest ses plegges ou ses meinpernors en cure e se sustret e li e ses biens ke nule destresce sur li ne put estre troue: E pur ceo ke les plegges en tel kas soleyent fere lor pes vers le Baillif de vn sis deners ou de duzze de ceo ke eus ne le auoyent mie si cum els le pleivirent ou meinprisent, e par taunt passerent quit, e le pleintif perdi issi sa dette ou ses amendes ke auer dust: sur ceo est purueu en tel cas si destresce seit deliueere par pleggage ou meinprise de acuni, si celi ki est repleui ou meinpris ne vegne a sei iustiser cum fere deit, seient ses plegges ou ses meinpernors destreint a auer le auant, si eus le puissent auer, e seyent

a man sues another for a great quantity of debt or for grievous trespass, and the person thus impleaded is not sufficiently justiciable¹ by lands or tenements or by other goods that he has in the town at one time, comes and brings chattels into the town, and is distrained by these chattels to come to justice, and causes his chattels to be delivered by pledges or mainpernours to come and be at right, and then leaves his pledges or mainpernours in charge, and withdraws himself and his goods, so that no distress can be found upon him: And whereas pledges in that case were wont to make their peace with the bailiff for a sixpence or a shilling, for* that they had not got him there as they pledged and mainprised, and so they passed quit and the plaintiff lost his debt or the amends which he ought to have: for this it is provided that in such case if distress have been delivered by pledge or mainprise of any one, if he who is replevied or mainprised does not come to justify himself as he ought to do, let his pledges or his mainpernours be distrained to produce him, if they can, and let them be in mercy because they have

grevous trespas and he of whom is pleyned is not iustisable Enowe by landes ne tenementes nor by othre thinges þat he hath in the toune At oon tyme selleth and bringeth catellez Into þe toun And is by thoos catelles dystreyned for to iustifie him and to make delyuere his catelles by plegges or mainpernours to comme and to be at Ryghte aftyr he hath þere his plegges or his mainpernours in courte, and If he withdrawe and eloyme his godes that no distres may bee founde vpon him, And for that þat thoez plegges in that caas were wont to make þere peas ayeinst the baillief of oon vi*d.* or of xiii*d.* of þat they there had not as they there pleyon or mainprison, And by þat thay shall passe quyte And the playntyf lose so his dette or his Amendes þat he oughte to haue, Vpon that it is purveyed in that caas, If the distres be delyuered by plegge or mainpernour of eny, If he that is replevied or mainprised nor comme not to be iustified as ought to do, be his borough or his mainpernours dystreyned to haue him forthe if they him myght haue, And be they

¹ Under jurisdiction.

en la merci pur ceo ke eus ne le aueient mie, si eus ne se puissent par resnable enchesun sauuer, e dunk a meins eyent la Chose auaunt ke par lor pleuine ou lor meinprise fu deliure ou la value.

A curt prendre. E pur ceo ke vsage est en la vile ke vn home ki tegne del Cunte en chef, si il seit enplede, il memes ou son seignor de ki il tent en chef purrunt venir e demaunder curt de li, auint souent ke puis ke la partie en sa suite fut longement trauaile e la Curt ausi, dunk a deprimis vint il v sun seignor e demaunda sa Curt e le aueit, e en cele Curt derichef¹ fist tut nuuels delais: sur ceo est ore purueu ke cely ki voile curt demaunder vegne e la demaunde dedenz la terce curt de la parole atache, e auaunt ke la parole seyt querele ou respundu. E si ceo nun, perde sa curte de cele querele, E puis quant auera sa curt, face pleine dreiture. E si il ne le face, vegne le pleintif arere a la cheue² curt e pruisse par dous leaus humes en

not produced him, unless they can save themselves by reasonable excuse, and then at least let them produce the thing which was delivered by their plevin or their mainprise, or its value.

To take Court. And whereas it is customary in the town that if a man who holds of the Earl in chief, be impleaded, he himself or his lord of whom he holds in chief, could come and demand Court of him, it often happened that after a party had travailed long in a suit and the Court too, then for the first time he came, or his lord came, and demanded his Court and got it, and in this (the Earl's) Court going back to the beginning he made entirely new delays: therefore it is now provided that he who will demand Court must come and demand it in the third Court after attachment of plaint, and before the plaint is disputed or answered; and if he does not do so, let him lose his Court of that suit. And afterwards when he shall have his Court let him do full right: and if he does not do it, let the plaintiff come back to the chief Court and

amerced for þat that they haue him not, If they may not by Resonable excuse save, And then at the leste haue the thinges afore that by theyr pleuyng or there mainprice was delyuered or þe value. And for þat that the vsage ys in the town that a man þat holdeth of the Erle in chief may comme and to aske court of him, It appeneth often that aftyr þat that þe partie in his suete was long travelled and þe Courte also, First at þe begynnyng he hadde vsed his court and demaunde his court And þere he had in þat Court fro this tyme forwarde made all newe delays, Vpon þat it is nowe purveyed that he that wolle court aske comme And there aske within the iii^d. courte of the parole attached, And afore þat that the parole be quareled or aunswerd, And thus not lose his court of þat quarele, And afterward when he shalle haue his court make fulle pleyn Right, And If he do not, comme the pleintyf ayein at the chief Court and take by xii men lawfull in what þis court

¹ See Godefroy, s. v. *rechief*, *action de revenir en arrière*.

² V. B. *chef*.

quei cele curt li est faili de dreiture. E seit le seignor garni a venir a ce oyir si volt, e son aduersaire ausi. E si la defaute de la curt seit proue voysent auaunt en la principal en la cheue curt cum ad este vse auaunt.

*Swareles*¹. E pur ceo ke vse fu auaunt ces oures, quant les parties deueient pleder e le pleintif auait dit sa querele, si le defendant taunt tost cum la parole ly fust issue de la buche ne deist Thwerthutnay², il fu tenu cum non defendu e ceo apelerent Swareles, ne ne li fu suffert de en parler ne de conseil demaunder ne nul hume ki suist les vsages pur li parler, dunt muz en furent perdaunz ke ne saueient les vsages, sur ceo est ore purueu ke quant les parties aperent e deyuent pleder, le pleintif die pleynement sa querele, saunz chalenge v hoket, par li meimis sil sache ou par altre ke seit auoe, si memes ne

prove by twelve lawful men wherein that Court has failed him of right: and let the lord be warned to come and hear this if he will, and the defendant also. And if the default of the Court is proved, let them proceed in the principal (plea) in the chief Court as has been customary heretofore.

Non-defendant. And whereas it was customary heretofore, when the parties ought to plead and the plaintiff had said his plaint, if the defendant directly the plea had left the plaintiff's mouth did not say Thwerthutnay³ he was held to be non-defendant and that was called Swarless, and he was not allowed to plead nor to ask council nor have any man who knew the usages to speak for him, whereby many from not knowing the usages lost their suits: For this it is now provided that when the parties appear and ought to plead, let the plaintiff fully state his suit, without challenge or

to him is fayled right, And be the Lord warned to comme to here þat If he woll, and his aduersarie also, And If the defaute of the court be proved go forth in the principall in the chief court as it hath beene used afore. And for that It was used afore this tymes whan thies parties oughte to pledde and the plaintyf hadde said his quarell, if the defendant as oftenne as the parole was out of his mouthe he oweth not Thwertnay, he was holden as not defendant, And þat shulde appere Swareles, And he was not suffred to enparle, nor to aske counseill nor no man that knewe thoes vsage to speke for him, Wherof many therof were loste that knewe not thoez vsagez, Vpon þat it is now purueied that whan thoes partiez apperen and owen to pledde, the pleintyf sey pleinment his quarell without chalenge or hoket by himself, If he knowe, or by an othre If he be avowed, if himself ne knowe, so þat by

¹ *Svar* is Danish for answer; *les* is English léas=less. See Pollock and Maitland II. 606 for an explanation of the process of "defence."

² V. B. *Thwerthurnay*.

³ Thwart nay, absolute denial, cf. Swedish *tväert af nej*, Danish *tvær*, across, through. Cf. Pollock and Maitland, I. xxii, citing an instance of this word from a charter from the Earl of Chester to his men. Also II. 606.

sache, issi ke par oubliance de tens ne par altre circumstance chalenge la querele ne seit abatue. Mes si le defendaunt demaunde declaracion de tens ou de altre chose ke necessaire seit a la plainte pur meuz estre acerte a respundre, seit la declaraciun fete mesme lure saunz chalenge. Puis quant le pleintif auera querele, le defendaunt eit resnable espace a respundre kil ne seit suspris. E sil se voile conseiller e enparler, le face par cunge e reuegne e die ceo ke il quide ke li puisse valer, tut saunz chalenge ne hoket, par li meimes ou par altre ke seit auoe sil memis ne sache. E sil quide ke son primer respuns ne suffise mie, die altre chose, ou il se voile atrenk¹ tenir e iugement prendre. E si par auenture quant le pleintif auera querele, le defendant ne puisse dedire ceo ke il auera dit ver ly, ou

hindrance², by himself, if he knows how, or if not, by another who is avowed, so that the suit shall not be abated by non-specification of time, or by any other circumstance challenged. But if the defendant demands declaration of time or other thing necessary to the plaint that he may be better certain of answering, let the declaration be made at the same time without challenge. Then when the plaintiff shall have pleaded, the defendant shall have reasonable time to answer, so that he be not taken by surprise. And if he wishes to take counsel and plead let him do it by leave and come back again to say what he trows may avail him, and all without challenge or interruption, by himself or by another who is avowed if he himself knows not how. And if he trow that his first answer does not suffice, let him say something else, to which he is willing to hold absolutely and upon which he will take judgement. And if perchance when the plaintiff has pleaded, the defendant cannot deny what he has said against him, or will not answer,

forgetting of time nor by othre circumstaunce chalenge, the quarell be not abated but If the defendaunt aske declaracion of the tyme or of oþre thinges þat necessarye is at the plaintyf, For much better to be acerteined to aunsver by the declaracion made the same owre without chalenge. Afterward whan the plaintyf shall have quarell the defendaunt have Resonable espace to aunsver þat he be not surprised, And If he him woll counsell and emparle do it by leve and come agein and sey that he troweth þat may availe him without chalenge or hoket by himself or by an othere þat is avowed, If himself knowe not, and if he trowe that his first aunsver suffiseth not, sey oþere thing, or If he will, to trouth holde and iugement to take. And if peraventure when þe plaintyf shalle quarell, the defendaunt may not withsay þat that he hath said ageinest him or he woll not aunsvere after þat he shalbe

¹ V. B. *atrench*. Cf. *tranche* in Godefroy, and see for *atrenche* V. B. 32-33 Ed. I. p. 3 (1304).

² Cf. *hoquet*, *empêchement* (Littré), *hucher*, *appeler* (Ménage), *huchier*, *proclamer* (Bos, *Dict. de la Langue d'Oïl*).

ne voile respundre puis kil serra amoneste par le baillif, si il ne die resnable enchesun pur quei respundre ne deit, seit cum non defendu e cum Swareles cum fu auant vse.

Twelfthrunay. Gens nomes. E pur ceo ke auant fu vse ke le defendaunt ne poeit a la pleinte le pleintif autre chose respundre for tut granter ou tut dire Thwerthutnay¹, E quant il auet dit le nay, deueit estre a sa ley sei sisme meyn, dunc son aduersaire, ou hom pur li, elireient gent que ne irreient od li pur faur de lautre partie ou pur haine de li, E si il ne poeit sa ley fere od tele gentz nomez, serreit ataint de tote la parole, fust ele verraie ou fause: Pur ceo est purueu, primes en plai de dette, si le defendaunt le dedie e le demaundaunt eit proue de sa dette par escrit, taile ou par uieue uoiz, seit rescu a la proue fere, issi ke si il neit for taylor ou viue voix iurge il primes

after he have been admonished by the bailiff, unless he gives reasonable excuse why he should not answer, let him be treated as non-defendant and as Swarless as was formerly customary.

Thwart-nay. Folks named. And whereas it was heretofore the custom that the defendant could not answer any other thing to the plaintiff's plea except to admit everything or to say fully a thwart-nay, and when he had said the Nay, he had to be at his law, himself the sixth hand², then the plaintiff or a man for him would choose folk that would not go with him for favour of the other party or for hatred of him, and if he (the defendant) could not make his law with such folks named, he would be attainted of the whole plea, whether it were true or false: Therefore it is provided, first that in plea of debt, if the defendant denies it and the demandant has proved his debt by writing, tally or by word of mouth, let him be received to make the proof, so that if he has nothing but tally or word of mouth, let him swear first, and then his witnesses whom he brings, and let the witnesses be

monyshed by the baillief, If he sey not Resonable excuse for the which he oweth not to aunswer, be he as not defendaunt And as Swareles, as was afore vsed. And for that þat afore It was vsed that the defendaunt to þe pleint of þe pleintyf oþere thing to aunswer but all for to graunt or all to sey Thwertney, And when he hath said nay he oweth to be at his lawe himself vi. handes, than his aduersaries or A man for him shalle chese folke that shall not go with him for favour of the oþere partie or for hatroden of him, And if he may not his lawe make with such folkes named shalbe atteint of all þe plee were it true or fals, For þat is purveyed first in plee of dett, If the defendaunt withsey and the demaundaunt hath prove of his det by writing taile or by two voyces, be he receyved to prove hit, to do so that If he haue not but a taile or by two voicez Rise he vp first and afterward his

¹ V. B. *twelfthrunay*.

² i.e. to find five compurgators.

e puis ses tesmoins ke il meine, e seyent examinez de oye e de veue les tesmoins si eus furent a la dette prendre ou a la taile fere, ou si eus furent la ou la dette ou la taile fu grante, e solum ceo ke eus prouent, recouere sa dette ou perde. E seyent les tesmoins lele gents ne mie suscepens customers ne lowyz a faus sermenz aler. E si il nome tesmoins e eus pur fauur ou pur atie se sustreent de la uerite dire, seient destreint par le baillif a uenir e dire lor uerite, e ausi cum est auant dit seyent examine, ou si les parties par assentement se uoient mettre en enqueste de veisins ke seuent la uerite de ceste chose, soit lenqueste prise. E si le pleintif ne eit for sa simple voiz, seit le defendaunt a sa ley par taunz cum la curt agardera de bone gent e leaus ne mie lowyz ne customers a faus sermenz aler. E sil face sa ley al ior ke done li est, passe quit. E si il defaile, seit

examined of the hearing and of the sight, if they were at the taking of the debt or the making of the tally, or if they were at the place where the debt or the tally was granted, and according to what they prove, let him recover or lose his debt. And let the witnesses be lawful folk, no wise suspicious customers, nor hired to go to false oaths¹. And if he name witnesses and they by favour or by malice withdraw themselves from saying the truth, let them be distrained by the bailiff to come and say their truth, and also let them be examined as is aforesaid: or if the parties by consent wish to put themselves on an inquest of neighbours who know the truth of this thing, let the inquest be taken. And if the plaintiff has nothing but his simple voice, let the defendant be at his law by as many as the Court shall award of good and lawful folk, no way hired nor accustomed to go to false oaths. And if he makes his law on the day which is given him, let him go quit. And if

witnesse þat he bringes, And be they examined of the hering and of the sight thos witnes if they were at the taking of the dette or at the making of þe taile, or if they were there where the Det or þe taile was graunted, And after þat that they proven for to Recouere his det or to lese. And be thiez witnes lafull people and not suspect customers nor hired fals othes to go. And if he name witnes and they for fauour or by hat withdrawe theim the trouth to sey, be they distreyned by the baillief to comme and sey there the trouth. And also as it is aforesaid be they examyned, or If the parties by assentement wolde put theim in the enquest taken of neighbours that knowen the trouth of this thing be thenquest taken. And if the pleintyf haue not but his simple voice, be the defendaunt at his Lawe by as many as the court woll awarde of gode people and lafull, not hyred nor Custummers to fals othes to go. And if he do his lawe at the day þat is gefen him passe he quyte. And if he faile be

¹ Cf. Riley, *London Memorials*, p. 465, on these "men of straw."

cum atteint de la parole. En mesme la manere en plai de trespas si le defendant die Thwerthutnay¹ seit a sa ley e en mesme la manere la face. E ke nul desormes seit destreint a sa ley fere par gent nomez cum fu auaunt use. E si le defendaunt en plai de trespas se voile mettre en enqueste de son fet, seit lenqueste prise par gent couenables hors pris ses nusurs. E si ior del enqueste seit done e le defendaunt ne vegne, seit destreint de estre a lautre curt. E si a cele curt ne vegne, seit lenqueste prise par sa defaute e iugement rendu e execucion fete.

Bateries. Homesokene de fouz. E pur ceo ke fous funt barez en la vile, bateries, homsokene, e sunt bauz² a ceo fere pur ceo ke eus ne vnt ren³ par vnt estre iustizes, si les trespas seyent encuntre la pes, seent justizes par lor Cors a ester a dreit. E si eus ne se amendent e seyent costumers a tels ultrages fere, seient fet voyder la vile.

he fail, let him be as one attainted of the plea. Similarly in plea of trespass, if the defendant says the thwart-nay let him be at his law, and make it in the same way. And let no one henceforth be distrained to make his law by folk named, as formerly was usual. And if the defendant in plea of trespass wishes to put himself on inquest of his deed, let the inquest be taken by suitable people, his enemies excepted. And if a day for the inquest is given, and the defendant does not come, let him be distrained to appear at the next Court. And if he does not come to that Court, let the inquest be taken by default and let judgement be given and execution done.

Batteries. Hamsokn by crowds. And whereas crowds make riots in the town, batteries (and) burglaries, and are bold to do this because they have nothing by which to be brought to justice, if the trespasses are against the peace, let them have justice done upon them in their bodies, to stand to right. And if they do not amend, and be obstinate doers of such outrages, let them be banished from the town.

atteint of the ple; in the same maner in ple of trespas If the defen[daun]t sey Thwertoutney be he at Lawe and in þe same maner there doo. And that no man from hensford be distreyned to do his lawe by folkes named as was afore vsed. And if the Defendant in ple of trespas woll put him in thenquest of his dede, be thenquest take [by] folkes convenables, out taken his Nusurs, and If day of thenquest be gefen and the Defendaunt comme not, be he distreyned to be at an opere court, And If at that court he cometh not, be thenquest taken by default and Jugement gefen and execucion doon. And for that that folkes made bauz in the toun, bateries, homesokennes And made batrez, And were bold to do þat for that they had nought wherby they might be justified of thiez trespaces Waren ayein the peace be they justified by theyr bodes to be at Right, And if they amend not and be costumers to do such outragez be they avoided fro the toun. And for that þat Attorneys

¹ V. B. *twerthurnay*.² V. B. *baudis*.³ V. B. *rien*.

Ples de atornez. E pur ceo ke aturnez ne soleyent estre pris fors en curt e en presence des parties e ce pur le pleintif sulement, dunt muls de gent enperdirent (*sic*) lor altres bosoignes ou lor paroles, est purueu ke lune partie ou lautre ke voile puisse aturne fere e ceo ausi bien en absence de son aduersaire cum en sa presence. E ke latorne seit rescu en son liu a fere taunt cum il meismes freit, fors sul a la lei fere, ceo est asauer en paroles ke par aturne puissent estre plede, e ce deuant¹ deus iures ke latorne puissent² temoiner si mester seit. E pur ceo ke vse fu ke le pleintif purreit fere trois defautes e ia le meins aler auaunt en sa querele, purueu est ke si le pleintif ne siwe mie sa querele al iors ke done li sunt, seit en la merci e ses plegges de siwre, si il les eit, e son aduersaire a mesme le ior passe saunz ior par sa defaute.

Pleas of Attornies. And whereas attornies have not been wont to be taken except in court and in the presence of the parties and that for the plaintiff only, by which many people have lost their other business or their pleas, it is provided that the one party or the other, so wishing, may make attorney and this as well in the absence of his adversary as in his presence: and that the attorney be received in his place to do as he himself would do, except only in making law, that is to say in the pleas which may be pleaded by attorney: and that before two Jurats who may bear witness to the attorney if need be. And whereas it was customary that the plaintiff might make three defaults and nevertheless go on in his suit, it is provided that if the plaintiff does not follow up his plea on the days which are appointed for him, let him be in mercy and let his pledges be sued, if he has any, and let his adversary go free that same day without a day³ by his default.

were not wonte to be taken bot in court in presence of the parties and þat for the pleintyf only wher noone of the peple shuld lose theyr othre nedes or theyr ples, Hit is purveyed þat the oon partie or tothre þat woll may make attorney, And this aswele in the absence of his aduersary as in his presence, And þat the Attorney be receyued in his stede to do as much as him self shulde do, but oonly to the Lawe to do, that is for to say in ples þat by attorney may be pleted, and þat afore ii Juriez that the attorney may wnesse If nede be. And for þat that it was vsed that the plaintyf myghte make iii defawtes and þere at þe last goo forth in his plee, Hit is purveyed that If the plaintyf suy not his plee at þe dayez that be geven him be he amerced and his plegges to suy, If he had plegges, and his aduersary at the same day pas without day by his default. And for þat that oone vsage was in the

¹ V. B. *en presence a meyns*.

² From *estre* added above the line.

³ The plea is adjourned *sine die*, that is, dismissed.

Holsake. E pur ceo ke vn vsage fu en la vile, ke si un hume se pleinsist de vn altre, taunt cum sa pleinte fust pendaunte, son aduersaire de nule pleinte, dunt il se pleinsist de li, serreit oy, dunt auint souent, ke si un hume eust batu vn altre, si celi ki le tort auait fet peust cure auaunt al baillif e pleindre sey, e celi ki tut le damage eust rescu venist apres e se pleinsist, ia ne sereit oy pur la pleinte lautre: sur ceo est purueu ke chescun en sa pleinte vers altre seit oy, e chescun estoise a dreit uers altre si cum dreit veut auer. E mes par cel vsage ke fu apele Holsake home seit delae de son dreit siure.

Assoyne de feyres. E pur ceo ke les marchaunz furent souent as grant feyres de la terre, fu vse ke taunt cum le grant feyres sistrent nul plai ne fust tenuz, nent plus de ceus ke furent a meson ke de ceus ke furent a feyres, est ore purueu ke les curz soient tenues e dreiture

*Holsake*¹. And whereas there was a usage in the town that if a man impleaded another, so long as his plaint was pending, his adversary should not be heard in any plaint made against him, hence it often happened that when a man had beaten another, if he who had done the wrong could run in front to the bailiff and make plaint, and he who had received all the damage came after and made plaint, he would not be heard because of the plaint of the other: wherefore it is provided that everyone be heard in his plaint against another, and each stand to right towards the other, as right will have it. For by that usage, which was called Holsake, a man is delayed of suing his right.

Essoin of Fairs. And whereas merchants were often at the great fairs of the land, it was customary that when the great fairs were held, no plea was held, neither of those who were at home nor of those who were at the fairs, it is now provided that the Courts be held and right done on

toun þat if a man playned him of an oþre asmuch as his pleynt was hanging, his aduersarye of no pleynt wherof he him pleynd of him shulde be herd. Whereof it happened often that a man had beton an oþere, If he that had the wrong done myght comme afore the baillief and pleineth him, And he þat alle þe damage had receyved came afore and pleynd him there, he shulde not haue hering for the pleynt of the othre. Vpon that it is purveyed that euery man in his pleint ayeinst oþere be herd. And euery man to stande at Right ayeinst oþere as righte woll haue, And thof by þat vsage that was called holsak a man to be delayed of his right to sue. And for þat that those merchauntes were often at grete fayres of þe lande Hit was vsed that assoon as the grete fayrez were vp no plee was holden no more of theym þat were at home than of theim that were at the fayres, Hit is now purveyed that the courtes be holden and Rightwisnes be doon of theim of theym

¹ Possibly of Scandinavian origin from *hald-sak*, an accusation or action that hinders or detains.

seit fete de ceus ke a mesun sunt, e ceus ki a feyres sunt seient assoi-
nez par les feires, ceo est asauer par ceus feires dunt assoine soleient
estre¹ auaunt ces oures, si issi ne seit ke ceus ke as feires sunt auaunt
lor aler la eient fet atornez ke lor dreit puissent siure ou defendre.

Ke nul ne seyt destreint si il ne seyt plegge, maynprenour, ou dettour.
E pur ceo ke hom soleit destreindre veysin pur veisin a auer le
auaunt, est ore purueu ke nul ne seit destreint pur altre si il ne fust
son plegge ou son meinpernor ou altre resun seit pur quei il deue
estre destreint pur ly. Comaunde est ausi ke le meyre e tuz les iurez
ke en vile sunt, si eus ne eyent resnable desturber, seient al plez e a
dreiture fere e iugement rendre, e si hom seit amercie seit le amercie-
ment taxe mesme le ior ou lendemein, e ceo par iurez solum ces
chateus e son trespas e ne mie a volunte de baillif. Ne nul iure ne

those who are at home, and that those who are at fairs be essoined by
reason of the fairs, that is to say by those fairs of which essoin was usual
before now, unless it be that those who are at fairs before their going there
have appointed attorney who may sue or defend their right.

That no one be distrained unless he is a pledge, mainpernour or debtor.
And whereas one was wont to distrain neighbour for neighbour to pro-
duce him², it is now provided that no man be distrained for another if he
were not his pledge or his mainpernour or unless there is some other reason
why he ought to be distrained for him. It is also commanded that the
mayor and all the Jurats who are in the town, unless they have a sufficient
hindrance, shall be present at the pleas to do right and give judgement.
And if a man be amerced let the amercement be estimated the same day
or the next, and that by Jurats, in proportion to his goods and his trespass,
and not at the will of the bailiff. And let no Jurat or bailiff who ought to do

þat beene at home, and thay þat at fayrez been be essoyned by the fayrez, that is
for to sey by thoez fayrez, Wherof asoyne was wont to be afore þees oures, If so
be not at they that at fayrez been afore theyr going there haue made attorney that
theyr righte may suy or defend. And for that þat a man was wont to distreyn
neighbour for neighbour to haue him forth, It is nowe purueid that no man be
distreyned for othere If he were not his plegge or his mainpernour or oþer reason
before the which he oweth to be distreyned for him. It is commaunded also that
the Mayr and all his Juriez that in Town be if they haue not Resonable letting be
at the plees And to do right And to gef Jugement, And if a man be amerced be
the amerciament taxed the same day or þe Morue and that by Juriez after theyr
godes and his trespas And not at the will of the baillief nor no Jurate nor baillief

¹ Added above the line.

² The meaning is that it was the custom to distrain a man's neighbours to produce him.
On communism of this kind see Maitland, *Select Pleas of Manorial Courts*, Selden Soc.
II. 134-5. Cf. Statute of Westminster, i. c. 23.

baillif, ke dreiture deit fere ou iugement rendre, seit meintenor de parole ne cuntor, si ceo ne seit pur sei mesmes ou ses aliez¹. E dunk ne sese il mie al iugement. E pur ceo ke acune fiez suruindrent bosoignes en la vile dunt la gent ne furent ren garniz, dunt lor coint a prompter argent, pain e vin e altre chose, eus alerent e aprompterent de acune gent ceo ke mester lor fu, e puis malement le rendirent a volunte e a damage de creancors: Pur ceo est ordine e purueu si ren desormes seit aprompte al oes de la vile, tauntost taylor en seit fete al creauncor, e seit la dette aquite dedenz les quarante iors prochein suaunz. E si ceo nun, vegne celi a ki la dette est due al primer portmannemot apres les quaraunte iors e demaunde sa dette. E si la dette ne li seit paye apres cele demaunde denz les vt iors siwaunz, voist il al baillif del Chastel, ke a la mustraunce celi tauntost li face leuer sa dette de la commune, ensement

right or to give judgement be a maintainer of pleas nor a plaintiff², unless it be for themselves or their allies, and then let him not sit at the judgement. And whereas sometimes needs arise in the town of which the people were not warned, for which it behoved them to provide money, bread and wine and other things, they went and borrowed from some people what was necessary for them, and then they ill-requited it (the loan) at their arbitrary will and to the damage of the creditors: Therefore it is ordained and provided that, if henceforth anything be borrowed for the use of the town, a tally of it shall be made at once for the creditor, and that the debt shall be paid within the forty days next following. And if it be not paid, let him to whom the debt is due, come to the first portmanmoot after the forty days have passed and demand his debt. And if the debt be not paid to him after this demand within the eight days following, let him go to the bailiff of the Castle that at his shewing he may at once cause his debt to be levied from the commune, together with the damages which he shall have suffered by the

that right oweth to do or Jugement to gef be a maintener of the plee nor teller, If that be not for himself or his aliez, And then syt not he at þe Jugement. And for þat that oþere whiles commen nedys in þe toun whereof the people were not warned, than they behoved to lende money, brede and wyne and oþre thinges, they went and borrowed of summe menne þat that was theyr nedes, And after they evyll quytet theym agayn at theyr will, and to the harmes of the creansour, For that It is ordeyned and purveyed If eny thing from hensforthward be borrowed to þe vse of the toun, Assoon a Taile þereof be made to the lenner, And he haue his dett aquited within XL dayez next sueng, and If þat he haue not, comme he to whom the det is due at the first Portemanmote after those XL Dayes and aske his dett, And if the Det be not paid to him after that asking within viii dayes suyng woll he go to the baillief of the castell that at his shewinge he assoon to him make levey his Det of the commyn, togadre with the dommages that he hath had for the

¹ *ou ses aliez* added.

² See *Select Pleas of Manorial Courts*, II. p. 159 note. The narratores or countors are pleaders, advocates.

ou les damages ke il auera ev pur la detenue, si eus ne puissent resnable enchesun mustrer pur quei la dette eit estre taunt arere. Purueu est ensement pur tailages de les vns vnt este malement retenuz et cuncelez e (purceoque) les poueres tuz iours paierent, e les greinors furent manees, ke si auent ke taylage pur commune bosoigne de la vile conuegne estre fet, seit cel taylage fet par les plus leaus de la vile e ke meuz sachent les eses de gent, par lor serment, solum la quantite de la chose ke couent estre leue, e solum les eses chescuni ke tayle serra. E cel taylage pleinement par le meyre, e ceus ke il comaundera, seit leue taunt cum purra auaunt ke nul autre seit asis. E si ren remayne ultre, seit mis en la commune burse ensele de deus seaus de dous prudishumes de la commune.— E chescun an seit acunte rendue des tailages assis, a uer ceo ke est leue e ceo ke est arere, e ou la chose est dependue. E cel acunte seit rendue par le meyre e les cuilurs a la commune ou a ceus ke eus

withholding (of it), unless they can shew reasonable cause why (payment of) the debt has been so much behind. It is provided also for Tallages of which some have been wrongfully withheld and concealed, and because the poor always paid and the great were favoured¹, that if it happen that tallage ought to be made for the common needs of the town, let this tallage be made by the most lawful men of the town who best know the facilities of people, upon oath, according to the amount of what has to be raised and according to the facilities of every man that shall be tallaged. And let this tallage be fully levied by the mayor, and those whom he shall command, as far as possible before any other is assessed. And if anything remains over, let it be put in the common purse sealed with two seals of two of the worthiest men of the community. And every year let account be rendered of the tallages assessed, to shew what has been levied and what is in arrears, and how it has been spent. And let this account be rendered by the mayor and the

which (*sic*) holding If they may no Resonable excusacion shewe for þe which the dett hath been so longe behind. It is purveyed also for taillagez, of thoez menay hath been well withholden and conceyled and thoes pore all wey paied and the grete were fauoured that If it happened that tallages for commyn nedes of the toun behoven to be made that tayllage made by the most lauffull of the toun, And þat best knowen those eses of the 'people by theyr othe after the quantite of thing that behoveth to be leved, And after the eases of euery man þat taylage shal bere. And þat tailage fully by the Mayr and theim that bee (*sic*) shall commaund be leved as much as may bee afor þat none oþere be set, And If any Remayn over, be it put in the commyn purs enseled of ii seales of two of the worthiest men of the commen, And euery yere make to yelde accompt of taillagez set or assised to haue that þat is leved, and þat that is behind and where the thinges been dispended. And þat accompt be gefen by the Mayre and the Collectours of the common or by theym þat

¹ *Manoir* generally means to protect.

mettront en lor liu.—E si eus se sustreent del acunte rendre, seient iustise a ceo fere par le bailif del Chastel.—Purueu est ausi ke si rente ou seruise de terre ou de tenement seit du au seignor de la vile ou a acun autre, e son fe li seit forclos par mur ou par haye on par mesun, ke le bailif ou le seignor ne puisse entrer a son fe destreindre pur son seruise ke arere est, bien list al bailif ou al seignor fere sei entre, e mur ou pareie percer, si le tenaunt ne li face entre e partut destreindre des kil eit son seruise. Mes ceo seit primes mustre en la curt de la vile e asent demande. E puis le facent seurement, si eus quident dreit auer, solum ceo ke de aunciente ad este vse. Les autres fraunchises de la vile auant dite e les vsages resnables cum auant vnt este vse remeinent estables. E ke tutes les choses auant dites seient estables a remenaunt, le auant dit sire Edmund a cest escrit ad mis son seel, ensement od le seel de la commune de la vile auant dite.

collectors to the community or to those whom they put in their place. And if they decline to give account, let them be compelled¹ to do it by the bailiff of the Castle. It is provided also that, if rent or service of land or of tenement be due to the lord of the town or to any other and his fee be foreclosed to him by a wall or a hedge or a house so that the bailiff or the lord cannot enter to his fee to distrain for his service which is in arrears, it shall be lawful for the bailiff or the lord to make his entry and to pierce through wall or hedge, if the tenant does not let him enter, and to distrain everywhere until he has his service. But this must first be shewn in the court of the town and assent asked. And afterwards they may do it securely, if they expect to have right, according as of old has been the custom.

The other franchises of the aforesaid town, and the reasonable customs as afore have been used, remain established. And that all the aforesaid things may be established for ever, to this writing the aforesaid Sir Edmund has put his seal, together with the seal of the community of the aforesaid town.

that (*sic*) put in theyr stede. And if they withdrawe to gef accompt be they Justified to do that by the baillief of the Castell. It is purveyed also that If Rent or service of land or of tenement be due vnto the Lord or to eny othre, And his Fee to him be foreclosed by wall or by hegge or by hous that the baillief or the Lord may not entre to his Fee to distreyn for his seruice that is behind, Be it lafull to the baillief or to the lord to make his entre, And thrughout to destreyn till he haue his seruice and wall or pales perce, If the tenaunt make him not entre, but that be first shewed in the court of þe toun and a suyt asked, And afterward they maken oth if they that ought righte to haue after that þat of olde tyme hath been vsed, those othre Fraunchessez of the toun aforesaid, And thoës vsagez resonablez as afore haue been vsed Remayn stable. And that alle thoës thinges aforesaid been established to the Remenaunt, the forsaid Sir Edmund to this writing hath put his Seall also with the Seall of the commen of the toun of Leycestre aforesaid. Dat' etc.

¹ i.e. by legal process.

Datum Die¹...Anno Regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici sexto anno 1277².

[A fragment of the Earl's seal³.]

XLII. *Third Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 6. [Beginning imperfect.] Ric. Le Cuuer intrauit in Gildam et fecit finem pro iiis. et vno tauro et soluit xxxiid. qui allocati fuerunt pro vno porco quem communitas cepit ad opus Regine de Scotia; et de iiid. et tauro quietus: quietus est de toto.

[Rad. de Petling, Adam de Lubenham, Will. le Spicer de Cadinton, Will. de Thorp iuxta Louteborou, Rog. de Chaddisden enter.]

[v^o.]⁴ [Mar. 13, 1275.] A. g. MCCLXX(III) die mercurii post festum S. Gregorii coram le morwenspeche, Joh. Sturdy senior conuictus fuit per maiorem quod emit quamdam carectam de pisce de Frisebyhoue pro sex marcis, sub hac forma, quod carectarius cum pisce veniret ad Leycestriam et alium piscem venderet, et si quod emolumentum euenerint equaliter inter se participarent...(illegible) de hoc conuictus fuit, per quod vadiauit misericordiam maiori et dabit vnam cuuatam ceruisie, et consideratum fuit quod si dictus Joh. decetero tales mercandisas faciat, Gildam amittat.

Dated on the day (unnamed) in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward the son of King Henry, 1277.

Richard the Cooper entered the Gild and made fine for 3s. and a bull, and paid 2s. 8d. which was allowed for a pig which the community took for the use of the Queen of Scotland, and of 4d. and the bull he is quit: he is quit of all.

In 1274 on Wednesday after the feast of St Gregory, in the presence of the Morningspeech John Sturdy senior was convicted by the Mayor of buying a certain cart (load) of fish from Frisbyhow⁵ for 6 marks, in this manner:—that the carter should come with the fish to Leicester and should sell other fish, and if they should get any profit, they should divide it equally between them...of this he was convicted, wherefore he pledged mercy to the Mayor, and he shall give a cask of ale, and it was decided, that if the said John henceforth do such trade, he shall lose the Gild.

¹ *Sic*, with no date following. But after Nov. 20.

² Added in V. B.

³ Device, a lion with three bodies conjoined to one head in the centre.

⁴ The entry is almost illegible.

⁵ Frisby on the Wreake.

Tho. le Rider quia communicauit cum Willelmo de Welham qui non fuit in Gilda, iiis.

[v^o.] [Mar. 25, 1275.] A. g. MCCLXXV die annunciacionis beate (Marie) in pleno moruynspeche maior aucupauit Alex. de Stanford, Will. Penifot, Hug. de Adun, Iuonem de Stanford, et alios fullones, quod (illegible ?tenent) moruynspeche sine Juratis sicut prouisum fuit per communitatem in morspechio Gilde: quod noluit habere dampnum neque pudorem quod fecerunt Gilde pro vna cuuata ceruisie, et quia non defendebant uerba aucupamenti, vadiauerunt misericordiam: plegius vnus quisque eorum plegius alterius: fecerunt finem pro xiid.

[r^o.] [Feb. 18, 1276.] Sedes facta de Moruenspesh in prima septimana quadragesime a. g. MCCLXXV tempore Walteri Bron tunc maioris Leycestrie.

[v^o.] [Th. Mar. 12, 1276.] Sciendum est quod Will. le Waleys venit in aula Gilde et cognouit coram communitate quod murus qui est inter ipsum et Walterum le Bron debet fieri per ipsum Willelmum et dictum Walterum, et hoc fuit die S. Gregorii a. g. MCCLXXV.

[Mar. 17, 1276.] Memorandum quod die Martis post festum S. Gregorii, Walt. le Bron, maior Leycestrie, aucupauit Adam de Euinton quod maledixit se et iuratores ad dampnum Gilde i cuuate ceruisie; et quia non defendidit uerba aucupamenti vadiauit cuuatam ceruisie: perdonatur quia pauper.

Thomas the Rider because he dealt with Will. of Welham who was not in the Gild, 3s.

In 1275, on Lady Day, in full Morningspeech the Mayor charged Alexander of Stamford, Will. Penifoot, Hugh of Adun (?), Ivo of Stamford and other fullers that they held a Morningspeech without Jurats, as was ordered by the community in Morningspeech of the Gild: that he would not have the damage nor the dishonour which they did to the Gild for a cask of ale, and because they did not deny the words of the charge, they pledged mercy: each was pledge for the other: they made fine for 1s.

Sitting of the Morningspeech made in the first week of Lent, 1275, in the time of Walter Brown then Mayor of Leicester.

Be it known that Will. the Welshman came into the Gildhall and confessed before the community that the wall which is between him and Walter the Brown ought to be made by him, William, and the said Walter, and this was on St Gregory's day, 1275.

Note that on Tuesday after St Gregory's feast, Walter the Brown, Mayor of Leicester, accused Adam of Evington that he abused him and the Jurors: to the Gild's damage of 1 cask of ale: and because he did not deny the words of the charge, he pledged a cask of ale: he is pardoned because he is poor.

Will. le Mason invenit Robertum de Dauby, Alanum Parsor, Thomam Aldit, ad ueniendum a *le Moruspeche* pro fine sua facienda quia conuictus fuit quod communicauit in mercandisa cum extraneys contra Gildam (etc. fine 3s.).

[v^o.] [June 30, 1276.] Sciendum quod die martis proxima post festum S. Johannis Baptiste a. r. r. Edwardi tercio coram communitate, Walt. le Bron maior Leycestrie accupauit Nicholaum le Chaluner quod participat cum extraneis in mercandizando in lana et alio opere contra libertatem Gilde, et ad dampnum Gilde vnus cuuate ceruisie. Idem attinctus fuit quod ponderauit lanas cum falsa petra : vnde consideratum est quod amittat de cetero manuale opus. Idem attinctus fuit quod tenuit in domo sua opus textoris postquam intrauit in Gildam : vnde consideratum est quod amittat in perpetuum Gildam. (Pledges for the cask of ale.) Postea dictus Nic. venit in aula Gilde die Veneris proxima post festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi VII., et petiit gratiam de Maiore et communitate ad statum suum recuperandum quem prius amisit pro sua ignorancia, ita quod libertas Gilde fuit concessa ei pro xs. et 1 tauro (1 pledge).

Will. seruus Rogeri de Sileby, quod non habuit in mercandisa *id.*, et dixit quod non daret *iiij.* pro ingressione Gilde.

[r^o.] [Mon. Aug. 24, 1276.] [Pena.] Memorandum quod Will.

Will. the Mason found Robert of Dalby, Alan Parsor, Thomas Aldit, to come to the Morningspeech to make his fine because he was convicted that he dealt in trade with strangers against the Gild (etc.).

Be it known that on Tuesday next after the feast of St John the Baptist 3 Ed. I. in the presence of the community, Walter the Brown, Mayor of Leicester, charged Nicholas the Chaloner that he shares with strangers in the wool trade and in other work against the liberty of the Gild : and to the damage of the Gild of one cask of ale. He was attainted of weighing wool with a false stone¹ : wherefor it is decided that he shall henceforth give up manual work. He was attainted of keeping weaver's work in his house after he entered the Gild : wherefor it is decided that he shall lose the Gild for ever. Afterwards the said Nicholas came into the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of St Gregory [Mar. 17] 7 Ed. I. and asked grace of the Mayor and community to recover his status which he formerly lost through his ignorance. So the liberty of the Gild was granted to him for 10s. and one bull.

William servant of Roger of Sileby (said) that he had not a penny in merchandise, and said that he would not give $\frac{3}{4}d.$ for admission to the Gild.

[Punishment.] Note that Will. Crook was convicted of two trespasses,

¹ On the variations in the weight of the stone, especially the stone of wool, see Thorold Rogers, *Hist. of Prices* 1. 367, 11. 337, 713, and see below on the regulations of 1281, p. 191.

Crouk fuit conuictus de duabus transgressionibus uidelicet quod deteriorauit vicinos suos scilicet in uendicione lane; vnde consideratum est quod si de cetero delinquat penes aliquem de communia amittat manuale opus in perpetuum.

[v^o.] Memorandum quod Bertramus de porta soluit xviis. iiid. quos recepit de manu Adam de Merlawe et eos soluit in aula Gilde: unde quietus est.

[r^o.] [Feb. 17, 1277.] Sedes de *le moruenspech* tenta incipiente die mercurii proxima post festum S. Valentini a. r. r. Edwardi v^o.

Rob. de Seynlowe intrauit...uadiauit xxs. Ita iurauit quod vbicunque manserit respondet in Lot et Schot cum Gilda, sin autem amittat Gildam in perpetuum. [8 entries.]

[v^o.] Feb. 10, 1278. Consideratum est per assensum totius communitatis die Jouis in octabis purificationis beate Marie a. r. r. Edwardi sexto, quod Ric. de Northhamton de cetero non faciet regratum de tinctur' nec granarium tenebit in Leycestria.

Memorandum quod Geruas. de Cosinton allocatur de iis. pro tauro de vs. in quibus communitas tenebatur ei pro duobus porcis: sic debet communitas ei iiis. Item allocatur de iiis. et sic communitas quieta penes ipsum.

Memorandum quod Geruas. de Sharnford fuit allocatus de iiis. pro xx. ulnis de carentiuilla¹.

that is to say that he damaged his neighbours, to wit, in the sale of wool: wherefor it is decided that if henceforth he offends against any of the commune he shall give up manual work for ever.

Note that Bertram of the Gate paid 18s. 4d. which he received from the hand of Adam of Marlow and he paid them in the Gildhall: wherefor he is quit.

Sitting of the Morningspeech held at the beginning of Wednesday next after St Valentine's day 5 Ed. I. Robert of St Lo entered...pledged £1. He swore that wherever he should dwell he will answer in Lot and Scot with the Gild: if not let him lose the Gild for ever.

It is decided by consent of all the community on Thursday in the Octave of Candlemas 6 Ed. I. that henceforth Richard of Northampton shall not regrate dyes, nor keep a granary in Leicester.

Note that Gervase of Cossington has allowance made for 2s. for the bull out of the 5s. which the community owed him for two pigs: thus the community owes him 3s. Allowance is made for the 3s. and so the community is quit with him.

Note that Gervase of Sharnford had allowance made as to 4s. for 20 yards of canvas.

¹ Cf. Tallage Roll 72 (3).

Joh. P(i)scenarius Senior fecit recussum de namio capto pro supradicta assisa.

[Mar. 11, 1278.] Memorandum quod Galf. Mauklerc venit in aula Gilde in pleno moruenspeche die veneris proxima ante festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi VI. et wayuiauit omnino in perpetuum Gildam et omnes libertates Gilde: Ita quod si extunc tempore aliquid uendat uel emat infra villam Leycestrie tolnetum suum soluat sicut extraneus.

Memorandum quod Walt. le Bron recepit de communi bursa in vigilia S. Marie scilicet Annunciacionis xiiiis. *vid.* penes debitum suum.

[Mar. 12, 1278, Will. Leffe similarly.]

Memorandum quod Galf. Mauklerc recepit *iiii*l. argenti de communi bursa¹.

[Distringatur².] Memorandum quod Joh. le Rous vadiauit misericordiam pro falsa petra et inde inuenit plegium.

Rog. Waynpayn vadiauit misericordiam quia noluit participare cum Roberto filio Ingrami (fine 6*d.*).

[Distringatur.] Will. Leffe maior accupauit Walterum de Barsby quod noluit venire ad summonicionem eius, ad dampnum

John Fisher Senior made rescue of a distress taken for the above-named assize³.

Note that Geoff. Mauclerk came into the Gildhall in full Morningspeech on Friday next before the feast of St Gregory 6 Ed. I. and waived the Gild and all the liberties of the Gild entirely and for ever. So that if henceforth he ever sell or buy anything within the town of Leicester let him pay his toll as a stranger.

Note that Walter the Brown received from the common purse on the Eve of Lady Day 14*s.* 6*d.* towards his debt.

Note that Geoff. Mauclerk received 4 pounds of silver from the common purse.

[Let him be distrained.] Note that John the Red pledged mercy for a false stone-weight and found pledge therefor.

Roger Gainbread pledged mercy because he would not share⁴ with Robert Ingram's son.

[Let him be distrained.] Will. Leffe, the Mayor, charged Walter of Barsby that he would not come to his summons, to the community's damage of 1 cask

¹ Entered Roll 72 (3).

² In the margin.

³ Here in the sense of "tax."

⁴ Give him the share which he could claim on the ground that he was present at the making of the bargain.

communitatis vnus cuuate cervisie, et quia non defendidit uerba aucupamenti vadiauit misericordiam et perdonatur. [A similar charge.]

[Distringatur.] Will. Leffe maior aucupauit Galfridum Mauklerc quod deliberauit carectam contra defensionem suam, ad dampnum Gilde i cuuatam ceruisie et recognouit sic se fecisse: vadiauit misericordiam et venit ad primum moruenspech ad faciendum finem.

[May 30, 1278.] Memorandum quod die Lune post ascensionem a. r. r. Edwardi VI de communi bursa de illa sede xiis. iiid. ob. Item fuerunt capti pro presenciis factis et Will. Leffe illos recepit.

[Distringatur.] Alanus de Brackele necauit partem Roberto Det. Memorandum quod Galf. Mauklerc lauauit pelles in torchmere contra defensionem totius communitatis: ideo distringatur.

Tho. le Rider uadiauit misericordiam quia garcio suus fecit recussum: condonatur.

Nic. fil. Martini vadiauit iiis. quia conuictus fuit quod vendidit vilem lanam inter bonam lanam (3 names). (Fine 4s.)

[Two payments towards the debt due to Will. le Waleys and Tho. Gumfrey.]

of ale, and because he did not defend the words of the charge he pledged mercy and is pardoned.

[Let him be distrained.] Will. Leffe, the Mayor, charged Geoff. Mauclerk that he delivered a cart against his order, to the Gild's damage, 1 cask of ale, and he confessed that he had so done. He pledged mercy, and comes to the next Morningspeech to make fine.

Note that on Monday after Ascension Day 6 Ed. I. (taken) from the common purse from that sitting 12s. 3½d. It was taken for presents made and Will. Leffe received it.

[Let him be distrained.] Alan of Brackley refused a share to Robert Deth.

Note that Geoff. Mauclerk washed fells in 'Torchmere' in defiance of the prohibition of the whole community: therefore let him be distrained.

Tho. the Rider pledged mercy because his groom made rescue: he is pardoned.

Nic. Martin's son pledged 4s. because he was convicted of selling bad wool mixed with good.

¹ On the site of Torchmere see Nichols II. ii. App. p. 327.

Introitus Gilde tempore Willelmi Leffe anno VII.

[Mar. 7, 1279.] †Memorandum quod die martis proxima ante festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi VII. maior accupavit Johannem Sturdi seniore in pleno moruynspech quod vetavit Henricum de Wateber' partem de pisce marino ad dampnum Gilde i cuuate ceruisie. Joh. stetit et non defendidit uerba aucupamenti (etc.)†. (Fine 1s.)

[Sept.-Nov., 1279]. Sedes de *le Moruynspeche* a. r. r. Edwardi VII., Will. le Engleys tunc maiore [23 entries, the end of the roll torn].

[1^o.] [Sept.-Nov., 1279.] Isti sunt denarii collecti et pacati communitati Leycestrie de introitu eorum qui intrauerunt Gildam in tempore Willelmi Lengeleis maioris Leicestrie et coram communitate eiusdem a. r. r. Edwardi VII.

Hoc est receptum Willelmi le Engleys maioris Leycestrie de denariis Gilde, transgressionibus, ad sedem de *le Moruynspeche* a. r. r. Edwardi VII. [The list includes "De hominibus episcopi de fine ad opus Marescalli regis i marc." [Among the surnames are, le Elier (oil man), le Crouder (fiddler) le Archer, le Neumayster, le Gaunter (glover)].

Gild entry in the time of William Leffe, 7 Ed. I.

Note that on Tuesday next before the feast of St Gregory 7 Ed. I. the Mayor charged John Sturdy Senior in full Morningspeech that he refused Henry of Whatborough a share of sea-fish, to the Gild's damage of 1 cask of ale. John stood and did not deny the words of the charge.

Sitting of the Morningspeech 7 Ed. I. William the Englishman then being Mayor.

These are the moneys collected and paid to the community of Leicester for Gild-entrances in the time of Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester, and in the presence of the community of the same, 7 Ed. I.

This is the receipt of Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester, for Gild pence, (and) for trespasses, at the sitting of the Morningspeech 7 Ed. I. From the Bishop's men for the fine to the use of the King's Marshal, 13s. 4d.

XLIII. *List of electors to the Reeveship and Memoranda of Accounts.*

Box 9, No. 202. [1276-7.] Nomina eorum qui sunt electi ad eligendum duos homines qui custodient balliuatam prepositure Leycestrie: Hen. de Rodinton, Will. le Engleys (electus est ad preposituram Leycestrie), Joh. de Knittecote, Bert. le Cruser, Adam de Merlawe (electus est ad preposituram Leycestrie), Magister Adam, Laur. Seman, Sim. Wibern, Will. Baldewin, Rog. de Chaddisdun, Joh. de S. Laudo, Ric. sub Muro¹.

[Oct. 22, 1276.] Memorandum quod Rob. de Dauby reddidit conpotum coram communitate de omnibus receptis communitatem tangentibus in domo hospitalis S. Johannis iuxta ecclesiam S. Martini, die Iouis proxima post festum S. Luce ewangelliste a. r. r. Edwardi III. Ita quod omnibus receptis et expensis computatis, dictus Rob. quietus fuit uersus communitatem, et dictus Rob. aquiebat expensas marschallorum si que petite sunt.

[v^o.] [Mar. 7, 1277.] Memorandum quod die dominica in medio quadragesime a. r. r. Edwardi quinto, Rob. Saleman venit in *le Gildhalle* coram Willelmo Leffe tunc maiore Leycestrie, Henrico de Rodinton, Tho. Gunfrey, Walt. le Brun et aliis Juratoribus et ibi allocatus fuit de omnibus tallagiis in Leycestria assisis vsque eundem diem. Ita quod nullus collector uel Balliius de dictis tallagiis de cetero aliquid poterit exigere nec idem Rob. aliquid debitum uersus

The names of those who are chosen to elect two men who shall keep the office of the reeveship of Leicester.

[William the Englishman and Adam of Marlow are elected to the reeveship.]

Note that Robert of Dalby rendered account before the community of all receipts touching the community in the house of the hospital of St John near St Martin's Church, on Thursday next after the feast of St Luke the Evangelist 4 Ed. I. So that all receipts and expenses being accounted, the said Robert was quit with the community, and the said Robert shall discharge the expenses of the Marshals if any are claimed.

Note that on Sunday in mid Lent 5 Ed. I. Robert Saleman came into the Gildhall before Will. Leffe then Mayor of Leicester, Hen. of Ruddington, Tho. Gunfrey, Walter the Brown and other Jurors, and there was allowed for all tallages assessed in Leicester till that day. So that no collector or bailiff shall be able henceforth to exact anything for the said tallages, nor shall the

¹ This is preceded by two incomplete lists.

communitatem de cetero nec de aliquo debito communitatem tangente exigere poterit nec calu[m]pniare.

[Debts of the community to Petronilla Tirie and Matilda Cagge 11s. 4*d.* and 11s. 8*d.*]

Memorandum quod Matilda Cagge exigit de Communitate Leycestrie vii. marc. argenti, de quibus tenetur eidem Communitati de collectione facta a. g. MCCLXXI i marcam. Et de redempcione ville versus dominum regem xxs. Et de vicesima dim. marc. Idem de Collectione facta in XL^a. a. g. MCCLXXIII dim. marc. Idem de Collectione facta a. g. MCCLXXV vs. Idem recepit de manu Alexandri le Boner xs. Idem de antiquo debito per duas vices xxs. Et sic debet communitas eidem xis. viii*d.* [Other debts crossed out.]

†Idem Will. Leffe debet xxxviis. qui remanserunt de x marcis pro vno sacco lane. Summa xxxiiis. iiiii*d.* vend' apud London' ad parliamentum†.

XLIV. *Notes of Accounts and Tallages.*

Box 3, No. 71. [Oct. 29, 1276.] Debita totius communitatis in quibus communitas tenebatur die Jouis proxima ante festum omnium Sanctorum a. r. r. Edwardi quarto.

Domino Eadmundo pro euasionibus de ultimo Itinere domini Gilberti de Preston¹ xli. quit. Henrico de Rodinton de antiquo

said Robert be able to exact or claim any debt from the community nor [payment] for any debt touching the community.

Note that Matilda Cagge asked 7 marks of silver from the community of Leicester, 13s. 4*d.* of which she owes the said community for the collection made in 1271, and £1 for the redemption of the town against the King, and 6s. 8*d.* for the twentieth, 6s. 8*d.* for the collection made in Lent 1274, 5s. for the collection made 1275. She has received from the hand of Alexander the Debonnair 10s., and for old debt, twice, £1. And so the community owes her 11s. 8*d.*

The said Will. Leffe owes £1. 17*d.* 0*d.* which remained of ten marks for a sack of wool. Total £1. 13s. 4*d.*, sold at London at parliament.

Debts of the whole community which were due from the community on Thursday next before the feast of All Saints 4 Ed. I. To the Lord Edmund for escapes [escaped prisoners] of the last Eyre of Sir Gilbert of Preston, £10: paid. To Henry of Ruddington, of old and new debt, £18: paid. To

¹ He died in the summer of 1274.

debito et nouo xviii*li*. quit. Hugelino Marscallo de arreragio duorum saccorum lane, xiii marc. dim. quit. Roberto Salman¹ vnde habet duas tallias uersus communitatem vi*li*. iiiis. quit. Petronille Tirie de antiquo debito xs. Matilde Cagge de antiquo debito xis. viii*d*. Rogero Capellano, exequutori Roberti de Scharnford i mar. Willelmo le Engleys pro russeto exhibito Thome de Bray xliis. quit. Willelmo le Waleys de antiquo debito xxxiiiis. Pistoribus de antiquo debito pro pane sumpto ad opus communitatis xls. Alexandro de Segraue de antiquo debito vis. q^t. Waltero le Bron de misis et expensis dum Walterus fuit maior xxviiiis. Willelmo le Waleys pro expensis suis apud London' vs. viii*d*. Summa totius debiti liii*li*. viii*d*. Willelmo Leffe de antiquis debitis xls. iiiii*d*. set communitas exegit ab eo i marcam: q^t.

[v^o.] [June 17, 1277.] Memorandum quod Laur. le Seler allocatur de vis. de tallagio Willelmi de Threngeston. Memorandum quod Will. Leffe recepit de communi bursa xxs. penes debitum suum die mercurii ad festum S. Botulphi a. r. r. v^o.

Box 3, Roll 72 (2). [Sept. 14, 1278.] Memorandum quod die S. Crucis a. r. r. Edwardi sexto Laur. le Seler, Rob. fil. Matthei, Ric. Curteis, reddiderunt compota de xiii*li*. iis. viii*d*. de collecta sisa

Huguelin the farrier of arrears on two sacks of wool, 13½ marks: paid. To Robert Saleman whereof he has two tallies against the community, £6. 4s. *od*. paid. To Petronilla Terry of old debt, 10s.; to Matilda Cagge of old debt, 11s. 8*d*. To Roger the Chaplain, executor of Rob. of Sharnford, 13s. 4*d*.; to Will. the Englishman for russet cloth presented to Thomas de Bray, £2. 2s. *od*. paid; to Will. the Welshman of old debt, £1. 14s. *od*. To the bakers, of old debt for bread taken for the use of the community £2. To Alex. of Seagrave, of old debt, 6s.: paid. To Walter the Brown for charges and expenses while Walter was Mayor, £1. 8s. *od*. To Will. the Welshman for his expenses at London, 5s. 8*d*. Total of the whole debt, £53. 0s. 8*d*. To Will. Leffe of old debts, £2. 0s. 4*d*., but the community required 13s. 4*d*. of him: paid.

Note that Laur. le Seler is allowed for 6s. of the tallage of Will. of Thringstone. Note that W. Leffe received £1 from the common purse for his debt on Wednesday the feast of St Botulph, 5 Ed. I.

Note that on Holy Cross Day, 6 Ed. I. Laur. le Seler, Rob. Matthew's son, and Ric. the Courteous rendered accounts of £12. 2s. 8*d*. of a collection

¹ A Robert Salomon occurs below; perhaps a Jew who had anglicized his name. See Rob. Saleman above.

in Leycestria ad festum S. Martini a. r. r. quarto de quartrona australi.

In primis liberatum per talliam Waltero le Brun et Johanni Witside vii*li*. xs. Item reddit (*sic*) compota de vis. allocatis Roberto Saleman. Item de vis. allocatis Willelmo de Threngiston nomine Roberti Salomon. Item de vs. de talagio Thome Gunfrey quos pacavit Willelmo le Waleys pro debito communitatis. Item de iis. perdonatis Hugoni Breccles ad instanciam domini Johannis Oliuer et Willelmi le Blunt.—Summa liberacionis et allocacionis viii*li*. et sic debent iiiii*li*. xiiis. viiid*li*. [Some small accounts by collectors.] De Roberto le Lorimer xii*li*. De Roberto de Witewyk vii*li*....De Hugone le Blecestere vi*li*....Item de Alexandro Person pro itinere uersus London' iis....Item de iiis. liberatis Willelmo le Mason pro reparacione crucis...Ultimum computant de particulis perdonis et liberacionibus factis. Ita quod omnibus computatis dicti remanserunt in debitum penes communitatem de claro ls.

Roll 72 (3). [1277-8.] [List of 56 names and payments.] Will. Leffe recepit penes ipsum de communi Bursa de sede facta a. r. r. Edwardi v. xxs. Idem recepit de dicta Bursa de sede facta a. r. r. Edwardi vi. xxiiis.

Liberatum per manum Willelmi Leffe Roberto de Dauby pro lx. vlnis Carentiuille xiiis. vi*li*. et pro tinctura eiusdem iiis. Item

assessed in Leicester at Martinmas 4 Edward I. from the South quarter. First paid by tally to Walter the Brown and John Whiteside, £6. 10s. They render accounts of 6s. allowed to Robert Solomon. Of 6s. allowed to William of Thringstone in the name of Robert Solomon. Of 5s. of Tho. Gunfrey's tallage which he paid to Will. the Welshman for the community's debt. Of 2s. pardoned to Hugh Breccles at the instance of Sir John Oliver and Will. le Blunt.—Total of payment and allowance £7; and thus £4. 13s. 8*li*. are due. From Robert the Lorimer 1s. From Robert of Whitwick, £6....From Hugh the Whitester, 6*li*....From Alex. Parson for the journey to London, 2s....Of 4s. paid to Will. the Mason for repair of the cross....Lastly they account for particulars, for pardons and payments made. So that, everything being accounted, the aforesaid remained in debt with the community in clear 50s.

Will. Leffe received £1 for himself from the common purse at the sitting made 5 Edward I. He received from the said purse from the sitting made 6 Edward I., £1. 3s.

Paid by the hand of Will. Leffe to Robert of Dalby for 60 yards of canvas, 12s. 6*li*., and for dyeing the same, 4s. For shearing the same, 10*li*. For a

pro planacione eiusdem *xd.* Item pro vno Lintheamine *viii*d.** et pro tinctura eiusdem *xiii*d.** Item Ricardo le Taylur pro preparacione Carentiulle ad boves *iiis.* et in suo beueragio *ii*d.** Item pro frampaldis et stakis, *ii*d.**

Item liberatum Carnificibus *vli. viis. ii*d.** [with items to owners of pigs]. Item pro bosco quando porci fuerunt occisi *iiii*d.** ob. In ceruisia *iiii*d.** ob. Item pro *iiii* bobus emptis apud Boseworth *xliis. ii*d.** pro feno ad primos boues *iiis. vi*d.** Item pro pane *xs.*

Item liberatum per manum dicti Willelmi nuncio domine Regine de Nauerne post partum suum¹, *v. marc.* Item pro plaustro *xvis.* Item Ade le botiler *dim. marc.* et quadrigario Regine *iis.* et *ii* nunciis *iiis.*, et sic debet *xis. xi*d.**

[v^o.] [Further list of payments.] Et inde reddiderunt compota Willelmo Leffe maiori et communitati, ita quod quietus recessit et nihil de recepto suo communitati tenebatur.

Item carnifices reddiderunt compota maiori et communitati de *vli. viis. ii*d.** ita quod remanserunt in debito uersus communitatem in *iis. vii*d.**, et postea illos denarios soluerunt et in communi bursa positi fuerunt.

[1278]. Liberacio facta per manum Willelmi Leffe de denariis receptis de sede facta a. r. vi^o. In primis Galfrido Mauclerc, *iiii*

sheet, *8*d.** and for dyeing it, *1s. 2*d.** To Richard the Tailor for preparing canvas for cattle, *3s.*, and for his drink, *3*d.** For frame-poles and stakes, *3*d.** Paid to the butchers, *£5. 7s. 2*d.** For wood when the pigs were killed, *4½*d.** For beer, *4½*d.** For four oxen bought at Bosworth, *£2. 3s. 2*d.**; for hay for prime oxen, *3s. 6*d.** For bread, *10s.*

Paid by the hand of the said William to the messenger of the Lady Queen of Navarre after her delivery, *5 marks.* For a two-wheeled cart, *16s.* To Adam the Butler, *6s. 8*d.**, and to the Queen's carter, *2s.* and to two messengers, *4s.*, and thus he owes *11s. 11*d.**

And thereof they² rendered accounts to William Leffe the Mayor and to the community, so that he retired quit, and nothing from his receipt is due to the community.

The butchers rendered accounts to the Mayor and community of *£5. 7s. 2*d.**; so that they remained in debt to the community *2s. 7*d.**; and afterwards they paid that money and it was put in the common purse.

Payment made by the hand of Will. Leffe of moneys received from the sitting made 6 Ed. I. First to Geoffrey Mauclerk, *£4.* To Nicholas of

¹ Blanche of Artois, Queen Dowager of Navarre, second wife of Edmund Crouchback, came to England in 1276. Her eldest son Thomas was born 1278.

² The names do not appear.

libras. Nicholao de Burbach pro vno apro ab eodem empto xxs. Item in presenciis¹. Geruasio de Scharneford pro xx vlnis carentiulle iiii. iiii...Custodibus iiii portarum viis. Rogero clerico penes mercedem suam iiii. Symoni clerico viiid.

Roll 72 (4). [Date uncertain.] [r^o.] Nomina ad xl marc'. (About 85 persons each paying a half mark a quarter, or a mark.)

[v^o.] De denariis allocatis pro denariis mutuatis ex altera parte istius Cedulae.

De tallagio. Bertramo le Cruze dim. marc. de collecta Mathei Fode [and two others].

XLV. *Pleas of the Merchant Gild. Rules for Retailers of Butchers' Meat and Poultry.*

Box 1, No. 8 (1). v^o. [? 1279.] † Memorandum quod Rob. Steuene fuit accupatus per Willelmum le Engleys maiorem quod fecit mercandisas cum forinceis et lanas suas emit et socius eorum fuit ad lucrum et [ad] dampnum Gilde. (Fine 2s.) † [A similar charge against Joh. de Knittecote.] Et quia *le moruinspeche* non fuit integrum, ponitur in respectum usque in ebdomada pasche.

Memorandum quod Will. Ace soluit Henrico de Rodinton xli. xs. de denariis Gilde coram Willelmo le Engleys, Walt. le Bron, Bert. le

Burbage for a boar bought of him, £1. In presents. To Gervase of Sharnford for 20 yards of canvas, 4s. 3d. To the keepers of the four gates, 7s. To Roger the clerk towards his pay, 3s. To Simon the clerk, 8d.

Names for the 40 marks...

Of moneys allowed for the moneys borrowed on the other side of this slip.

From tallage, to Bertram le Cruze 6s. 8d. from the collection made by Matthew Fode [and two others].

Note that Rob. Steven was charged by Will. the Englishman, the Mayor, that he traded with outsiders and bought their wool and kept company with them for profit and to the damage of the Gild (etc.).

(Another charge.) And because the Morningspeech was not full, it is put in respite till Easter week.

Note that Will. Ace paid Henry of Ruddington £10. 10s. of Gild moneys before Will. the Englishman (and four named) and others. Paid to

¹ MS. Presensenciis.

Cruser, Joh. Witside, Will. Sabyn et aliis. Item liberatum Willelmo Filius (*sic*) pro presenciis ad opus Thome de Bray¹, Hugonis de Viennia vis. *vd.* ob.

v^o. [Mar. 16, 1279.] [Maior.] Memorandum quod die Jouis proxima post festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi VII Bertramus le Cruzer questus fuit de Johanne piscenario quod vetavit ipsum partem de lana in nundinis S. Botulphi, ad dampnum Gilde i cuuate ceruisie. Joh. venit et defendit verba aucupamenti Bertini² et dixit quod non fuit suum factum set factum maioris. Bertinus respondit quod maior³ non debet vetare vicinis suis partem de mercandisa nisi infra villam Leycestrie. Joh. dixit quod sic: per quod unita fuit communitas presente domino Petro filio Rogeri que dicit communiter quod maior habebit omnes mercandisas suas quietas in omnibus nundinis in Anglia. Ita quod nullus de Gilda petit nec debet petere de cetero partem de mercandisa dicti maioris: et certi mercatoris sui⁴.

*Consideracio Regratorum*⁵. [April 11, 1279.]

Memorandum quod die martis proxima post festum S. Ambrosii a. r. r. Edwardi VII, prouisum fuit per assensum totius communitatis quod omnes regratores possunt emere vitulos, porcellos, multones,

William Filius for presents for the use of Thomas of Bray, and Hugh of Vienne, 6s. 5½*d.*

[The Mayor.] Note that on Thursday next after the feast of St Gregory, 7 Ed. I. Bertram le Cruzer charged John the Fisher that he refused him his share of wool⁶ in Boston Fair, to the Gild's damage of 1 cask of ale. John came and denied the words of Bertram's charge and said that it was not his doing but the Mayor's. Bertram answered that the Mayor may not refuse his neighbours the share of merchandise except within the town of Leicester. John said, yes he could: wherefore the community was assembled, Sir Peter Roger's son being present, which says in common that the Mayor shall have all his merchandise quit in all fairs in England; so that none of the Gild asks nor ought to ask henceforth for a share in the merchandise of the said Mayor, and of any one acting as his merchant.

*Rule of Regraters*⁷. Note that on Tuesday next after the feast of St Ambrose 7 Ed. I. it was determined by the assent of all the community that all regraters may buy calves, porkers and sheep alive and sell them cooked

¹ Steward of the Honour.

² A pet form of Bertram.

³ Followed by *quod*.

⁴ Added later.

⁵ In a different hand.

⁶ See the note above on the right of those present at the making of a bargain to claim a share of the purchaser's bargain.

⁷ Persons who buy to sell again at a higher price in the same market.

viuos, et vendere coctos et non crudos, nec (*sic*) vxores carnificum qui regratum tenent carnes, non vendant crudas, nec in domo alicuius carnificis alique carnes ante nonam vendantur. Item eodem die prouisum fuit, quod carnifices non ponent carnes pratas¹ ad uendendum nisi per tres dies, et si post tres dies in manus alicuius alique tales carnes inueniantur, amittantur ad primam defaultam, ad secundam defaultam americiatur, ad terciam amittat manuale opus per vnum annum et vnum diem.

Forstall. Item prouisum fuit eodem die quod illi qui emunt aucas uel gallinas vel pullos ad finem ville uel aliby in villa uel in foro ante horam primam ad primam defaultam americiatur, ad secundam et ad terciam et ad quartam amittat manuale opus (per) vnum annum et vnum diem.

Laur. le Seler vadiauit misericordiam quia respondit rude Bertino le Cruser, Willelmo de Wiluby, Gregorio de Walton. (2 pledges.)

Inpositum fuit Willelmo le Mazon² eo quod fecit reparare (*sic*) lanam nomine suo et attinctus fuit quod Alex. de Cestria habuit partem de predicta lana, et ideo vadiauit misericordiam Willelmo Lengleis tunc maiori, quia multum deliquit contra Gildam. (Fine 6s. 8d. To leave the Gild on the next offence, etc.)

[Jan. 28, 1281.] Memorandum quod Rob. de Dauby die martis

but not raw, and that the wives of butchers who hold meat to sell again, may not sell raw meat, and that no meat may be sold in the house of any butcher before noon. On the same day it was determined that the butchers shall not put meat ready for sale for more than three days, and if after three days such meat be found in the hands of anyone, let it be forfeited at the first default, for the second default let (the butcher) be amerced, and for the third let him give up manual work for a year and a day.

*Forestall*³. It was determined on the same day that those who buy geese, hens or chickens at the 'end' of the town, or elsewhere in the town or in the market, before prime, at the first default let him be amerced, at the second, third, and fourth let him give up manual work for a year and a day.

Laur. le Seler pledged mercy because he answered rudely to Bertram le Cruser, Will. of Willoughby, and Greg. of Walton.

Will. the Mason was charged that he had wool dressed in his name; and he was attainted (on the charge) that Alex. of Chester had part of the aforesaid wool, and therefore he pledged mercy to Will. the Englishman then Mayor, because he offended greatly against the Gild.

Note that Rob. of Dalby, on Tuesday next after the feast of St Paul

¹ For *paratas*. Added above the line.

² In the margin is written "Misericordia: Will. le Mazon."

³ Here it means to buy before the proper time.

proxima post festum S. Pauli a. r. r. Edwardi nono questus est quod Will. filius Hugonis defamauit ipsum, ad graue dampnum c. sol. vnde consideratum fuit per consensum totius communitatis quod idem Will. vadiauerit predicto Roberto vnum tonellum vini et fecit finem pro dimidia marca: et si contingat quod de cetero transgressum faciat contra predictum Robertum uel maiorem uel aliquem Juratorem soluet quantum vadiauit.

[Will. Leffe makes a similar charge against Rob. Deth, which is almost effaced.]

Presentacio super Wollewynderes¹ et Pakkeres. [It follows on another roll.]

[Feb. 5, 1281.] Inpositum fuit Nicholao de Borebach per² Willelmum Lengleis maiorem Leicestrie die Mercurii proxima post festum Purificacionis beate Marie virginis a. r. r. Edwardi nono quod recepisset denarios de extraneis qui non sunt in Gilda. (In mercy.)

[r^o.] Bert. le Cruser queritur de Waucelino de Monsorel in pleno Morunspeche quod vetavit ipsum partem de lana ad nundinas S. Botulphi (etc.). Waucelinus venit et defendit uerba Gilde et dampna Bertini et Gilde...defecit in lege. (Fine 1s.) [B. le Cruser also charges Joh. le Pesconner for the same thing] et [Johannes] dicit quod illud

9 Ed. I., complained that Will. Hugh's son defamed him to his serious damage of £5, wherefor it was determined by the consent of the whole community that the said Will. should pledge a tun³ of wine to the said Robert, and he made fine for 6s. 8d.; and if it happen that he trespass again against the said Robert, or the Mayor or any Juror, he shall pay as much as he pledged.

Presentment of wool-wrappers and packers.

It was charged against Nicholas of Burbage by Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester, on Wednesday next after Candlemas, 9 Ed. I., that he received the money of strangers who are not in the Gild (etc.).

Bert. le Cruser charged Walkelin of Mountsorrel in full morningspeech that he refused him a share of wool at Boston Fair (etc.) Walkelin came and denied the words of the Gild⁴ and the damages of Bertram and of the Gild... he failed in law.

(John the Fisher's case as above.) And John said that it was the doing

¹ I.e. wool wrappers, see *Prompt. Parv.* p. 287 and p. 529. "Wyndyn yn clothys idem quod wrappon."

² *Quod* before *per* deleted in MS.

³ A small tun.

⁴ I.e. the words of the charge.

factum Willelmi Leffe tunc maioris quia vbicunque maior sit in Anglia nullus de communia sua petit nec debet petere partem de marcandia sua.

Carta. Memorandum quod die martis proxima post festum S. Gregorii pape, Ysabella filia Alani Lari venit in aula Gilde in pleno moruenspeche et remisit et concessit et quietum clamauit in perpetuum Willelmo de Belegraue et heredibus suis tres *d.* et vnam gallinam annue redditus quos dictus Will. sibi reddere solitus fuit de capitali messuagio suo quod iacet in parochia S. Martini in venella que ducit uersus dictam ecclesiam inter terram Ricardi de Hedon et terram Elizabethe le Peres, etc.

Will. le Engleys maior aucupauit Nicholaum Clampe quod stetit cum mercatoribus extraneis in foro et seduxit eos de denariis suis et deteriorauit vicinos et forincecos, ad dampnum Gilde i cuuate seruisie. Nic. venit et defendit uerba.

(A debt paid to the community of Leicester.)

Rad. Mukilloue fecit finem pro xxxs. quos Jac. Dorlot debuit communitati Leycestrie pro xvs. (etc.).

(Charge of selling bad wool mixed with good.)

Tho. Waynepayn et Rog. filius fratris eius vadiauerunt misericordiam quia non venerunt post vadium positum : *xiid.*

of Will. Leffe then Mayor, because wherever the Mayor may be in England, none of his commune asks nor ought to ask a share of his merchandise¹.

Charter. Note that on Tuesday next after the feast of St Gregory the Pope, Isabella daughter of Alan Lari came into the Gildhall in full morning-speech and remitted and granted and quitclaimed for ever to Will. of Belgrave and his heirs 3*d.* and a hen of yearly rent-charge which the said Will. was wont to render to her from his chief messuage, which lies in St Martin's parish in the lane which leads to the said church between the land of Richard of Hedon and the land of Eliz. Le Peres, etc.

Will. the Englishman the Mayor charged Nic. Clampe² that he stood with strange merchants in the market and drew their money away from them, and damaged the neighbours and the strangers, to the gild's damage of a cask of ale. He came and denied the words (of the charge).

Ralph Mukillove made fine for 30*s.* which James Dorlot owed to the community of Leicester for 15*s.* (etc.).

Tho. Gainbread and Roger his brother's son pledged mercy because they did not come (to the court) after gage deposited. (Fine 1*s.*)

¹ See above p. 180.

² Probably Nic. of Burbage as above.

Rad. Osemund vadiauit misericordiam quia non venit ad summonicionem maioris. Idem vadiauit misericordiam pro querimonia Gregorii de Walton...

Pet. Vmfrey accupatus fuit per maiorem quod non intrauit: xvis....

Joh. Caritas invenit Radulfo Mukilloue Galfridum Mauklerc ad emendacionem transgressionis quam fecit communitati: iis.

XLVI. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 75. [1280.] Tallagium assisum tempore Willelmi le Engleys Maioris Leycestrie a. r. r. Edwardi IX.

[v^o.] De tallagio assiso in aula Leycestrie circa festum S. Michaelis a. g. MCCLXXX ad aquietandum villam de debitis et de presenciis factis domino Comiti et aliis¹.

[In the East quarter 106 persons paying a total of £8. 2s. 10d.; in the South, 63, £5. 18s. 4d.; the West, 49, £3. 11s.; the North, 41, £2. 16s.; the Suburb², 60, £3. 5s.]

Nomina electorum qui colligere debent talligium (*sic*) in villa Leycestrie; (East quarter, 4, South, 2, West, 3, North, 3, suburb, 3).

Nomina eorum qui sederunt tallagium anno octavo (24 names).

Ralph Osmund pledged mercy because he did not come at the Mayor's summons. He pledged mercy for Gregory of Walton's charge.

Peter Umfrey was charged by the Mayor that he did not enter: 16s. (fine).

John Charity found Geoff. Mauclerk (pledge) for Ralph Mukillove, for the amendment of the trespass which he did to the community: 2s.

Tallage assessed in the time of Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester 9 Ed. I.

Concerning the tallage assessed in the hall of Leicester about Michaelmas 1280, to discharge the town of debts and for presents made to the Lord Earl and others.

Names of those chosen who ought to collect tallage in the town of Leicester.

Names of those who assessed tallage in the eighth year.

¹ The number of names which occur in the same sequence as in XXXIX. is sufficient to shew that the collection is made upon the same system as before.

² Several persons, afterwards distinguished as Bishop's tenants, pay in this list.

XLVII. *Pleas of the Merchant Gild and Accounts.*

Box 1, No. 7 (1). r^o. [1281.] Presentaciones facte super Pakkeres de lana et Wollewinderes¹ in villa Leicestrie coram Maiore et communitate eiusdem a. r. r. Edwardi nono.

[Feb. 18, 1281.] Rob. Urry et Joh. Swamp et Hen. le Pakkere, Willame Walrand et Jake Patrik, presentauerunt die martis proxima ante festum S. Petri in Cathedra quod Ric. filius Henrici le Pakkere iuit apud Norhamton et lauit pelles et fecit reparari lanam. Et Rog. Outred iuit apud Tamworth et fecit similiter: et Will. Litil iuit apud Hinkele et ibi fecit similiter contra libertatem gilde Leicestrie: vnde consideratum est quod si de cetero ita faciant, amittant opus suum manuale.

[Memorandum] quod Witebon Wilard, et Lorote et Mariote Scot, Modre de Glenfeld et Mariota King, Witebon de Barnesby et Alicia Thurston conuicte fuerunt coram Willelmo Lengleis maiore Leicestrie, et Ada de Merlowe Balliuo et communitate eiusdem, die Martis proxima ante festum S. Petri in Cathedra quod preparauerunt lanas extra villam Leicestrie ad opus extraneorum; vnde consideratum fuit per consensum maioris et communitatis quod si de cetero huiusmodi faciant contra libertatem Gilde, amittent opus manuale.

Presentments made against wool-packers and wool-wrappers in the town of Leicester, before the Mayor and community of the same, 9 Ed. I.

Robert Urry and John Swamp and Henry the Packer, Will. Walrond and Jake Patrick presented on Tuesday next before the feast of St Peter's Chair, that Ric. son of Henry the Packer went to Northampton and washed fells and caused wool to be dressed. And Roger Outred went to Tamworth and did similarly: and Will. Little went to Hinckley and there did similarly against the liberty of the Gild of Leicester: wherefor it is determined that if henceforth they do so again, they shall give up their manual work.

Note that Witebon Willard, and Lorote and Margot Scot, Modre of Glenfield and Margot King, Witebon of Barsby and Alice Thurston were convicted before Will. the Englishman Mayor of Leicester and Adam of Marlow the Bailiff, and the community of the same, on Tuesday next before the feast of St Peter's Chair that they dressed wool outside the town of Leicester for the use of strangers: wherefor it was determined by the consent of the Mayor and community that if henceforth they act thus contrary to the liberty of the Gild, they shall give up manual work.

¹ *Prompt. Parv.* "Wrappynge or hyllynge, involucio, volucio; wappyn or wyndyn abowte yn clothys, involvo."

Item consideratum est per totam communitatem quod mulieres voluppores lane capient de cetero et in estate et in yeme pro opere suo per diem vnum d.¹ et cibum et plumatores capient *id.* et ob. sine cibo, vel obolum et cibum². Et si aliquis fuerit attinctus de communitate quod plus det eis, dabit communitati Leicestrie dimidiam marcam.

[April 22, 1281.] Memorandum quod Witebon Wilard fuit coram Willelmo le Engleys maiore Leicestrie, et communitate eiusdem die Martis proxima post octabas pasche, et vadiauit misericordiam quia frequentabat preparare lanas ad opus extraneorum. (Fine 1s.)

†Memorandum quod Geruasius Gos aculpatus fuit per Willelmum le Engleys quod marca[n]disabit cum denariis Willelmi de Barwe.†: et dictus G. vadiauit legem et defecit in lege: ideo consideratum fuit quod ipse uadiauerit misericordiam. (Pledges.) (Joh. Piscator similarly charged.)

Contigit³ quod Jordanus de Carlaton⁴ inculpatus fuit coram Thoma de Bray senescallo et communitate quod emitt (*sic*) lanas ad opus suum⁵ pro vno certo [precio] ad saccum et hoc confitebatur: vnde prohibitum fuit per senescallum quod de cetero talia faceret.

Ric. French seruus Jordani uenit in pleno moroynspeche die

It is determined by the whole community that the women wool-wrappers shall henceforth take for their work both in summer and in winter 1*d.* a day and food, and the flock-pullers⁶ (?) shall take 1½*d.* without food, or ½*d.* with food. And if any one shall be attainted by the community on the ground that he gives them more, he shall give 6*s.* 8*d.* to the community of Leicester.

Note that Witebon Willard was (charged) before Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester, and the community of the same, on Tuesday next after the Octave of Easter, and she pledged mercy because she was wont to prepare wool for the use of strangers.

Note that Gervase Goose was charged by Will. the Englishman that he traded with the money of Will. of Barrow, and the said G. pledged law and failed in law; therefore it was determined that he should pledge mercy.

It happened that Jordan of Carlton was charged before Thomas of Bray the Steward, and the community, that he bought wool for his use at a certain price the sack: and he confessed this: wherefor he was forbidden by the steward to do such things henceforth.

Ric. French, servant of Jordan, came into full Morningspeech on Tuesday

¹ MS. *diē*.

² Added above the line.

³ The same sheet at the opposite end.

⁴ Written *Carlton*.

⁵ Almost illegible.

⁶ Usually feather-stitchers.

martis ante pentecosten et confidebatur se emisse lanam per patriam¹ ad opus Lumbaldorum de denariis eorundem contra defensionem senescalli et prouisionem communitatis, per quod vadiauit misericordiam communitati et inde inuenit plegios (2) et consideratum est quod si tales mercandisas faciat contra defensionem et prouidenciam omnino amittat Gildam sine recuperacione. Et misericordia debet taxari².

Eodem die Jordanus le Flemeng venit in *le morouynsplesh*³ quia duo sacci de sua lana fuerunt arestati per maiorem et communitatem qui empti fuerunt post defensionem et contra prouisionem: et inde conuictus fuit: et quia transgressionis proibicio facta fuit in presencia senescalli et per ipsum transacta, ponitur in respectum usque aduentum Senescalli: et petiit deliberacionem de lana sua et habuit per plegios (3) sub hac forma ut veniet coram senescallo in primo aduentu suo ad faciendum quod jus exegit pro transgressionem facta penes communitatem: postea venit et posuit se in misericordia per predictos plegios.

[Oct. 19, 1278.] Memorandum quod die mercurii proxima post festum S. Luce Euangeliste a. r. r. Edwardi VI. Communitas Leycestrie fuit vnita in aula Gilde per preceptum domini Eadmundi et Thome de Bray senescalli sui ad audiendum demandam Henrici de

before Whitsunday, and confessed that he had bought wool in the country for the use of Lombards, with their money, against the Steward's prohibition, and the provision of the community: therefor he pledged mercy to the community and found pledges thereof: and it is determined that if he do such trade again against the prohibition and provision, he shall give up the Gild entirely without recovery: and the mercy ought to be assessed.

On the same day Jordan the Fleming came into the Morningspeech because two sacks of his wool, which were bought after the prohibition and against the provision, were seized by the Mayor and community: and he was convicted thereof: and because the prohibition of the trespass was made in the presence of the Steward and settled by him, it is respited till the arrival of the Steward: and he claimed delivery of his wool and had it by pledges (3) on condition that he shall come before the Steward on his first arrival, to do what the law requires for the trespass done to the community: afterwards he came and put himself in mercy by the aforesaid pledges.

Note that on Wednesday next after the feast of St Luke the Evangelist, 6 Ed. I., the community of Leicester was gathered in the Gildhall by the command of the Lord Edmund and of Thomas of Bray his Steward, to hear

¹ Almost illegible.

² Added.

³ $\frac{1}{2}$ written over c.

Rodinton de debito in quo Communitas ei tenebatur ut dixit; ibi venit dictus Hen., et petiit plane debita que emutuauit communitati per plures particulas tunc ibi lectas, sed omnes non probatas: et tandem ita conuenit inter dictum Henricum et communitatem quod omnibus debitis computatis et demandis allocatis communitas tenetur dicto Henrico in quindecim Libris argenti: de quibus communitas fecit ei talliam; et si contingat quod dictus Hen. aliquam talliam uel scriptum de cetero deferat uel viuam vocem producat, ad petendum vel ad probandum aliquod aliud debitum communitatem tangens, nullo modo credentur set adnichilentur. Et dictus Hen. quietus remansit de omnibus tallagiis et demandis communitatem tangentibus vsque in eundem diem. Hiis presentibus: Willelmo le Engleis tunc maiore, Thoma Gumfrey, Waltero le Brun, Joh. de Knittecote, Galf. Mauclerc, Sym. Wibern, Will. Baudewine, Bert. le Cruser, Hen. de Louwisby, Laur. le Seler, et multis aliis.

[Oct. 21, 1278.] Memorandum quod Will. Baldewyne et Will. Tabur, executores Willelmi Leffe, et Rogerus de Chaddisdene reddiderunt compota die veneris proxima post festum S. Luce a. r. r. Edwardi VI. de septemdecim libris et xviis. ii*d.* quos recepit ex mutuo ad opus communitatis in aduentu primo domine Regine de Nauerne¹, ita quod omnibus computatis et allocatis in expensis et

the demand of Henry of Ruddington for the debt which the Community owed to him, as he said: thither came the said Henry and claimed openly for the (return of) loans which he lent the community by many particulars then read there, but all unproven: and at last it was so agreed between the said Henry and the community that, all the debts being accounted and the demands allowed, the community owes the said Henry £15 of silver, whereof the community made a tally for him; and if it happen that the said Henry brings forward any tally or writing or seeks by word of mouth henceforth to claim or prove any other debt touching the community, they shall in no wise be credited but shall be held for naught. And the said Henry remained quit of all tallages and demands touching the community until that day: these being present, William the Englishman, then Mayor, (nine named) and many others.

Note that Will. Baldwin and Will. Tabor, the executors of Will. Leffe, and Roger of Chaddesden rendered accounts on Friday next after the feast of St Luke 6 Ed. I. for £17. 17*s.* 2*d.* which he (*sic*) received on loan for the use of the community on the first arrival of the Lady Queen of Navarre, so that, all being accounted and allowed, in expenses and payments, the said

¹ See note p. 178.

liberationibus, ita quod dicti executores romanserunt (*sic*) in debito penes communitatem in xis. et iidem reddiderunt compota de denariis in communi bursa positis pacatis pro ingressionibus Gilde et pro fine taurorum.

Memorandum quod Hen. de Rodinton venit in aula gilde die mercurii post pascha floridum et tulit talliam suam deferentem in fine xv*li*. in quibus communitas ei tenebatur et ibi et eodem die recepit de communitate dictas xv*li*. et talliam fregit: per quod communitas quieta est uersus dictum Henricum¹.

[v^o.] [Misericordia vid.] Lorote aculpata fuit per maiorem quod ipsa preparauit² Lanas extra Libertatem wille et ipsa venit et cognouit et ideo vadiavit misericordiam. [Similarly Giliana Curteys.]

[† Misericordia †] Fikeys vadiavit misericordiam quia l[a]uit sine licencia extra gildam in despectu maioris et communitatis: postquam vadiavit sua Gilda (*sic*).

(2) r^o. [1281.] Memorandum transgressionum factarum tempore Willelmi Lengleis maioris Leicestrie a. r. r. Edwardi nono.

† Inpositum fuit Willelmo Iring et Gilberto Wade³ quod⁴ fecerunt

executors remained iis. in debt to the community; and they rendered accounts of the money put into the common purse, paid for Gild entries and for the fine of bulls.

Note that Henry of Ruddington came into the Gildhall on Wednesday after Palm Sunday and brought his tally bearing at the bottom £15, which the community owed him, and then and there he received from the community the said £15, and he broke the tally, wherefore the community is quit against the said Henry.

[Mercy 6*d*.] Lorote was charged by the Mayor that she prepared wool outside the liberty of the town, and she came and confessed and therefore pledged mercy.

Fikeys pledged mercy because he washed (fells) without leave outside the Gild in despite of the Mayor and community: afterwards he pledged his gild-fine (?).

Note of the trespasses done in the time of William the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester 9 Ed. I.

Will. Iring and Gilbert Wade were charged before Will. the Englishman,

¹ See p. 175 on Henry of Ruddington's new and old debt.

² MS. *preparauit*.

³ His case is repeated. For wrapping wool outside the liberty of Leicester and trading with strangers fine 1*s*. Another put himself in the Mayor's mercy for injuring the Gild, and another for wrapping wool at the house of Jordan of Wareston.

⁴ Repeated in MS.

[p]reparari¹ lanam apud Aileston coram Willelmo Lengleys maiore Leicestrie, Ada de Merlawe, et communitate eiusdem. Vnde super hoc conuictus fuit et posuit se in misericordia maioris: et quieti sunt².†

[Plea³ of illegal association against Will. Iring, and in the margin Mercy for many defaults 4s.]

(A forestaller puts himself in the Mayor's mercy.)

Inpositum fuit Ricardo de Stapelton per Willelmum Lengleys maiorem Leicestrie eo quod negavit Willelmo Bate habere suam propartem iniuste de vno mercario: hoc fecit dictus Ric. contra libertatem Gilde et ideo in misericordia per plegios Tho. Sauuage et Hen. le lindraper⁴.

Alicia de Graham posuit se in misericordia maioris eo quod noluit stare ad consideracionem maioris et communitatis Leicestrie (etc.).

[Misericordia xiid.] Inpositum fuit Ricardo filio Henrici le Pakkere quod lauit lanas et alio modo preparauit ad opus extraneorum extra villam Leicestrie ad dampnum et ad preiudicium libertatis Leicestrie. Ideo consideratum fuit per totam communitatem quod si de cetero conuictus fuerit de huiusmodi amittet opus suum manuale.

[A case of buying wool with the fell by weight. Mercy 1s. and the man who bought it in the Mayor's mercy 6d. for buying it for the use of strangers.]

Mayor of Leicester, Adam of Marlow and the community of Leicester, that they caused wool to be dressed at Aylestone: whereupon he (Will.) was convicted and he put himself in the Mayor's mercy: and they are quit.

It was charged against Richard of Stapleton by Will. the Englishman, Mayor of Leicester, that he unjustly denied Will. Bate his hereditary share in a mercery: this the said Richard did against the liberty of the Gild: and he is therefore in mercy by pledges, Tho. Savage and Hen. the Linendraper.

Alice of Grantham put herself in the Mayor's mercy because she would not submit to the judgment of the Mayor and community of Leicester (etc.).

[Mercy 1s.] It was charged against Richard son of Henry the Packer that he washed wool and in other ways prepared (it) for the use of strangers outside the town of Leicester to the damage and to the prejudice of the liberty of Leicester. Therefore it was determined by the whole community that if he shall be again similarly convicted he shall give up his manual work.

¹ MS. *reparare*.

² Added above the line.

³ Torn.

⁴ In the margin *Misericordia xiid*.

[v^o.] Consideratum est per totam communitatem, quod nullus de cetero ponderet lanam per aliquam petram de xii libris nisi sit de xiii libris integraliter, et si aliquis fuerit inventus qui de cetero habeat talem, dabit communitati Leycestrie dimidiam marcam.

[Inquest made before Will. Le Engleys then Mayor of Leicester by Master John the Bowmaker (le Boumaker) and others (torn) who declare that some one (name torn) is worthy to enter the gild.]

XLVIII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 26 (2). [Date uncertain.] Total of the two sides of the roll £48. 10s. 1d.; nett total (de claro) £44. 19s. 11d. The names include Will. de Barewe, vicarius; Heyne Fox; Will. de Braunceston has noted against his name "De feodo Episcopi."

XLIX. *Agreement on the assessment of the Bishop's Tenants.*

[Sept. 18, 1281.] V.B. No. 27.

Cum diuers cuntecks furent mues entre¹ le Meyre e les Burgeis homes Sir Edmoun, frere nostre seynor le Roys, de Leycestre, de vne part, e la gent le Euesqe de Nichole de hors la Porte del Est de memes la vile dautre part, de diuers contribuciouns qe les auandis Burgeys demanderent de memes, cele gent le Euesqe, au dreyn² deuant sir Waut' de Helyon e sire Johan de Metingham, justises nostre seynour le Roy, e autre bone gentz, qe de lacord se

It is determined by the whole community that henceforth none may weigh wool by any 12 lb. stone, but it must weigh 13 lb. fully, and if any one be found hereafter who has a 12 lb. stone, he shall pay the community 6s. 8d.

Whereas³ divers disputes have arisen between the Mayor and the Burgesses, men of Sir Edmund, brother of our Lord the King, of Leicester, of the one part, and the people of the Bishop of Lincoln without the East Gate of the same town of the other part, concerning divers contributions which the aforesaid Burgesses demanded of them, the said people of the Bishop at length before Sir Walter de Helyon and Sir John de Metingham, Justices of our Lord the King, and other good people who, by agreement

¹ MS. *enir*.

² Written as one word. See the note in Gross, *au dreyn, au derrein* (=tandem), at last. (Cf. Britton II. 369, Burguy, s. v. rier.)

³ There is a modern interlinear version in red ink.

entremistrent entre les parties: Est issi aconueni e acorde, ceste a sauer qe a totes les heures qe les tenaunz avantdis le Euesqe, qe dignes sunt, voilent entrer la Gylde marchaunde de la vile, bien grauntent le meyre et les Borgeis auantdis, tant cum en eus est, qe en la Gylde seyent rescuz solum la forme et la custume vsez ca e enarere¹. E qe les auandis tenans le Euesqe eyent totes les franchises e franche custumys qe a cele Gilde apendent dedens vile et de hors e partot. E pur ceo vnt les auantdis tenans le Euesqe graunte qe desoremes seyent en escot e en lot en totes choses qe a Gylde apendent ou les Burgeis auantdis solum lour aferaunt; e totes les heures qe les Borgeis front duns ou presens au Roy ou a la Reyne en lour venues en les parties de Leycestre a la mountaunce de la value de vynt liures ou de meyns, e a lour seygnour de la vile de Leycestre a ces venues a la value de vynt mars ou de meyns, et a ministres le Roy e a autres par encheson de ayder et de maintenir les franchises de la Gylde, meymes ceus tenans escoteront e eydront a ceus douns e presens solum la porcioun ke a eus apent, par renable taxacioun, fete par prodeshomes a ceo eluys e jures des vns et des autres, issi ke, si les duns e les presens seient fiez par commune acorde des tenauns de

interposed themselves between the parties, it is thus covenanted and agreed: that is to say that at all times when the aforesaid tenants of the Bishop, who are worthy, wish to enter the Gild Merchant of the town, the Mayor and Burgesses aforesaid shall agree, as far as in them lies, that they shall be received into the Gild according to the form and custom used heretofore, and that the aforesaid tenants of the Bishop shall have all the franchises and free customs which belong to the said Gild within the town and without, and in all things. And in return the aforesaid tenants of the Bishop have agreed that henceforth they will² be in scot and in lot, in all things which belong to the Gild, with the aforesaid Burgesses, according to their assessment. And at all times when the Burgesses make gifts or presents to the King or the Queen at their comings into the parts of Leicester to the amount of the value of £20 or less, and to their Lord of the town of Leicester at his comings to the value of twenty marks or less, and to the ministers of the King and to others, for the purpose of aiding and maintaining the franchises of the Gild, the said tenants will pay scot and will help in these gifts and presents according to the proportion which belongs to them by reasonable assessment, made by honest men chosen and sworn for this purpose from both parties, so that if the gifts and the presents be made by common

¹ Cf. "*ca en avant*" for henceforth, in the future.

² The interlinear translation inserts the phrase "have the watch and the cries."

plus grant pris e value qe nest supredit, le tenauns le Euesqe auandiz escoterount a ceo solum lacord auantfet. Et si ceo duns ou presens seyent fet de plus grant value saunz le assent et la volente les tenaunz le euesqe suzdis, a ce meimes les tenaunz ne seyent tenuz. E quant la vile de Leycestre chet en la merci le Roy ou face fyn par enchesoun de trespas qe touche la comune de la Gilde, les auantdz tenaunt (*sic*) escoterount a ceo en la fourme avantdite; mes ceo nest mye a entendre pur merci ne pur fyn fete pur trespas de certeyne persone qe dust estre puny pur son trespas demeyne, si ceo [ne] fut par commune acord de tenauns auantdis. Ne ceo nest mie a entendre qe les tenans le Euesqe escotent a cele manere de amerciement ou de fyn qe touche la commune de la vile e ne mye la commune de la Gilde, fors pris ceus qe vnt terres ou tenemens en la vile de Leycestre ke sount Borgeys de la vile tut seyent il tenaunz le Euesqe. E kaunt les ministres le Roy venent pur¹ asaer les peys e les mesures en la vile e en le subburbe avantdit, e memes cels ministres voilent prendre commune fyn des vns ou des autres par enchesons de trespas truuez en cele peys e en celes mesures, bien grantent cels tenaunz le Euesqe escoter a cele fyn solum la porcioun qe a eus apent. Et a tutes cestes contribuciouns a aser leaument, issi ke chescun seyt charge

consent of the tenants of greater price and value than is abovesaid, the tenants of the Bishop aforesaid shall pay Scot to this, according to the agreement made. And if these gifts or presents be made of greater value without the consent and desire of the tenants of the Bishop aforesaid, to these the tenants are not bound. And when the town of Leicester falls into the mercy of the King or makes fine by reason of trespass which touches the Commune of the Gild, the aforesaid tenants shall pay Scot to it in the form aforesaid, but it is not to be understood to apply to mercy or fine made for the trespass of any particular person who ought to be punished for his own trespass, unless by the common consent of the tenants aforesaid. Nor is it to be understood that the tenants of the Bishop shall pay Scot in this manner for an amercement or fine which touches the Commune of the town and not the Commune of the Gild, except only those who have lands or tenements in the town of Leicester who are Burgesses of the town although they are also tenants of the Bishop. And when the king's ministers come to assay the weights and measures in the town and in the aforesaid suburb, and the said ministers shall take common fine of one or the other by reason of the trespasses found in those weights and in those measures. these tenants of the Bishop agree to pay Scot to that fine according to the proportion which belongs to them. And that all these contributions may be loyally assessed, so that each

¹ MS. *pur a.*

a la porcioun ke a ly apent, serrount eluiz e apeles prodeshomes tenans le euesqe de ceo veer e de oyer la conte qe de ceo apent ensement oue les prodehomes de Leycestre. E les auantdis Borgeis e la comunaute de Leycestre e les auandis tenans le Euesqe voilent e grantent, pur eus e pur lour heys e pur lor assignes e pur lor successours, qe eus desormes tengent, gardent e facent e en touz poinz vsent totes les choses auantdites a tous iours. E en testimoine de totes cestes choses auantdites le meire et la comune pur eus vnt mys lour seel de la comunaute a la partie de ceste escrit endente ke remeynt de vers le tenans le Euesqe auandit. E Peres Vmfrey, Rauf Mikilloue, Geffrei de Lidington, William de Lidington e Johan Caritas, pur eus e les autres gentz le Euesqe, a la partie de ceste escrit qe deuers les auantdis Meire e les Borges remeint, vnt mis lor sels e estre ceo comunement vnt procur ke les auantdis Sire Waut' de Helyon e Sire Johan de Metingham Justises e Sire Thomas de Bray, Seneschal Sire Edmund, a greignor tesmonages de ambe pars, as escrits vnt mys lour seels. Ay ces tesmoynes, Mestre Roger de Sarmhust¹, dunques Archdekin de Leycestre, Sire Andreu de Estle, Sire Geffrei de Skeftinton, Sire Ric. Burdeyt, Sire Roberd Burdeyt, Sire William de Waleys de Anlep, Sire Johan le Faukener,

shall be charged with the proportion which belongs to him, honest men, tenants of the bishop, shall be chosen and called to see to this, and to hear the account which belongs thereunto, with the honest men of Leicester. And the aforesaid Burgesses and the Community of Leicester and the aforesaid tenants of the Bishop will and agree, for themselves, their heirs and assigns and successors, that they will henceforth hold, keep and do and in all points act in all the aforesaid matters for ever. And in witness of all these things aforesaid, the Mayor and the Commune for themselves have set their seal of the commonalty to that part of this indented writing which remains with the tenants of the Bishop aforesaid. And Peter Humphry, Ralph Mikillove, Geoffrey of Lidington², William of Lyddington and John Charity for themselves and the other people of the Bishop have set their seals to that part of this writing which remains with the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, and they have moreover procured in common that the aforesaid Sir Walter de Helyon and Sir John de Metingham, Justices, and Sir Thomas of Bray, Steward of Sir Edmund, for the better witness of both parties, have put their seals to the writings, with these witnesses: Master Roger of Saxenhurst, then archdeacon of Leicester, Sir Andrew de Estle, Sir Geoffrey of Skeffington, Sir Ric. Burdett, Sir Rob. Burdett, Sir Will. of Wales of Wanlip, Sir John

¹ It should be Saxenhurst. Cf. Le Neve's *Fasti* II. 59.

² In Rutland, one of the Bishop of Lincoln's manors.

Sire William Buck, Cheualers, Roberd de Swillynton, William de Henouere, Clercks le Euesqe auantdit, Peres de Wakirle e altres. Done a Leycestre le disuitym jour de Septembre, l'an del inca[r]nacioun nostre Seignur mil e deuz Cenz e vitant primer¹.

L. *Conveyance of the Boys' Hall Ground to the Mayor and Community.* [July 5, 1282.]

Box 11, No. 39. Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Elena filia quondam Ricardi de Kereby medici in libera viduitate mea et in ligia potestate dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea firmaui Maiori et Communitati Burgi Leycestrie pro triginta solidis argenti quos mihi dederunt premanibus quandam placiam terre iacentem in Parochia beate Marie de Castro Leycestrie iuxta *le Boyshalle* continentem in latitudine iuxta viam que ducit uersus ecclesiam predictam quater viginti et decem pedes et in longitudine ex vna parte sicut se extendit a predicta via usque ad cornerium aule de *Boyshalle* et ex alia parte a predicta via usque Soram; habendam et tenendam dictis Maiori et Communitati et eorum successoribus uel assignatis de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et

the Falconer, Sir Will. Buck, Knights, Robert of Swillington, Will. of Heanor², clerks of the Bishop aforesaid, Peter of Wakerley and others. Given at Leicester on the 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord's Incarnation 1281.

L. Know all men present and to come that I Ellen daughter of the late Richard of Kirby, leech, in my free widowhood and liege power, have given granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to the Mayor and Community of the Borough of Leicester, for 3cs. of silver which they have given me beforehand, a certain plot of ground, lying in the parish of St Mary de Castro of Leicester next the Boys Hall, containing 90 feet in breadth, next the way which leads towards the said church, and in length it stretches, on the one side, from the said way to the corner of the hall of the Boys Hall, and on the other side from the said way to the Soar: to have and to hold to the said Mayor and Community and their successors or assigns from me and my heirs for ever. Paying thence yearly to me and my heirs at the three

¹ In Nichols' Appendix he gives a charter of Robert Bossu granting c. 1144 ten burgesses to the Bishop of Lincoln free of toll, aid and all exactions. The above agreement is printed in Gross, II. 139.

² Translated *Hoby* in the MS.

heredibus meis duodecim denarios ad tres anni terminos in Leycestria consuetos pro omni seruicio, consuetudine et exactione. (Warranty clause.) Saluis tamen mihi et heredibus meis edificiis meis cum stillicidiis et libero ingressu et egressu cum scala ad dicta edificia cum necesse fuerit reparanda. (Sealing clause.) Hiis testibus: Domino Thoma de Bray tunc senescallo honoris Leycestric, Domino Serlone de Harecurt, Domino Willelmo Walensi de Anlep et Domino Roberto Burded militibus: Nicholao de Burbacch, Ricardo de Schelton, Radulfo de Aneta et aliis.

Acta die veneris proxima post translacionem beati Thome martyris, anno gracie MCCLXXX secundo.

[Endorsed in a later hand "A pece of lande nere Boyes Hawle nere S^t Maries Church etc."]

LI. *Release of rent for the same.*

Box 11, No. 55. [Undated.] Sciant...quod ego Willelmus de Kerbi filius Elene de Kerbi dedi...Maiori et Communitati Leycestric totum Jus et clamium quod habui uel habere aliquo modo potui in duodecim denariis anni redditus cum pertinenciis exeuntibus de terra quam idem Maior et Communitas emerunt de Elena matre mea que vocatur *Boyshalleherde*: Habendum et tenendum eisdem Maiori et Communitati de me et heredibus meis bene et in pace imperpetuum

yearly terms customary in Leicester¹ 12*d.* for all service, custom and exaction. (Warranty clause.) Saving however to me and my heirs my buildings with gutters, and free ingress and egress to the said buildings with a ladder when it shall be necessary to repair them. (Sealing clause.) These being the witnesses: Sir Tho. of Bray then Steward of the Honour of Leicester, Sir Serlo of Harecourt, Sir Will. the Welshman of Wanlip and Sir Rob. Burdett Knights; Nich. of Burbage, Ric. of Shilton, Ralph of Anstey [?] and others.

Done on Friday next after the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr, 1282.

LI. Know...that I William of Kirby son of Ellen of Kirby have given... to the Mayor and Community of Leicester all the right and claim which I had or in any way could have in 12*d.* of yearly rent with the appurtenances issuing from the land which the said Mayor and Community bought of Ellen my mother, which is called Boys Hall ground: To have and to hold to the said Mayor and Community of me and my heirs well and in peace by hereditary right for ever: for which gift and quitclaim the Mayor and

¹ Michaelmas, Candlemas and Whitsuntide, see below.

hereditarie: pro qua quidem donacione et quieta clamacione dederunt mihi Maior et Communitas dimidiam marcam argenti premanibus. (Sealing clause.) Hiis testibus: Thoma Gunfrey tunc maiore Leycestrie, Roberto Fabre, Willelmo le Paumer, tunc Balliuo de eadem, Ada de Merlawe, Willelmo le Engleys, Roberto de Dalbi, Radulfo de Houeby, Thoma le Ridere, Johanne de Knitecote, Rogero clerico et aliis.

Endorsed "Carta commune Leycestrie."

LII. *Distrains for making the Town-wall and ditch. Inquests on the removal of timber and iron from the Town-gates*¹. [1282.]

Box 8, No. 187 (3). Extracte et districtiones que debent fieri pro muro et fossato ville faciendis anno decimo....

Item preceptum est distringere magistrum domus hospitalis S. Johannis Leycestrie et Joh. de Hopton' in Belegraue et Nic. le Seler et Joh. Od & Joh. de Foxton' et Will. de Groby et Elenam Oliuer et vxorem Radulfi de Couintre et Hawisiam le Longe & Gilbertum le Masun.

Item preceptum est distringere executores et heredes Willelmi Leffe, scilicet Will. Baldewine & Agnetem Leffe (and similarly two others).

[Aug. 16, 1282.] Inquisicio facta die dominica proxima (post festum assumpcionis²) beate Marie Anno x^o in presencia maioris

Community have given me half a mark of silver beforehand. (Sealing clause.) These being the witnesses: Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor of Leicester, Robert the Smith, Will. the Palmer, then Bailiff of the same, Adam of Marlow, Will. the Englishman, Rob. of Dalby, Ralph of Hoby, Tho. the Rider, John of Knightcote, Roger the clerk, and others.

LII. Estreats and distrains which ought to be made for making the wall and ditch of the town in the tenth year.

It is ordered to distrain the master of the house of the hospital of St John of Leicester (and others as above).

It is ordered to distrain the executors and heirs of Will. Leffe, to wit Will. Baldwin and Agnes Leffe.

Inquest made on Sunday next after the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin 10 (Ed. I.) in the presence of the Mayor, bailiff and other Jurors

¹ The whole is written on one small sheet of parchment in two columns. It is rolled in with the Portmanmoot Rolls of 1377.

² Almost obliterated.

balliui et aliorum Juratorum ville de remocione meremii quatuor Portarum dicte ville et petre asportate¹, per sacramentum Gilberti le Masun (and five others); dicit etiam inquisicio quod borda porte australis capta et asportata fuit ad domum Willelmi de Ayliston'. Item dicit quod Will. de Threngiston' tradidit duas seruras Radulfo Dille & defendantur per ballium in manus dicti Radulfi.

Ad portam Orientalem. Item inquisicio facta eodem die per sacramentum Willelmi le Roue (and ten others) dicit quod Tho. Cocket cepit vnam peciam meremii & unam peciam de ferro. Dicit quod idem cepit & asportauit quandam cheyniam porte predicte: dicit etiam quod meremium porte asportatum fuit vsque domum Willelmi Leffe: dicit etiam quod Will. le Rowe habet in sua custodia duas seruras; vnde preceptum est quod predicti distringantur.

Item inquisicio facta ad Portam Boriamalem per sacramentum Alexandri Person' (and eleven others). Dicit inquisicio quod Tho. Fuke cepit et asportauit duas barras euntes ex transuerso Portam. Dicit etiam quod idem Tho. habet quamdam postem stantem in domo sua de meremio porte predicte. Dicit quod Alanus Persun habet custodia sua quamdam peciam meremii: dicit quod Will. de Rodington habet vnam clauem, vnam seruram & inde idem Will. inuenit plegios: scilicet Alanum Persun, Hen. le Cuuer.

of the town concerning the removal of the timber of the four Gates of the said town and of stone carried away, by the oath of Gilbert the Mason (and five others): the inquest also says that a board of the South gate was taken and carried away to the house of Will. of Aylestone. It says that Will. of Thringstone handed over two bolts to Ralph Dille and let them be kept by the bailiff in the hands of the said Ralph.

At the East gate. The inquest made on the same day by the oath of Will. the Wheeler (?) (and ten others) says that Tho. Cocket took a piece of timber and a piece of iron. It says that he took and carried away a certain chain belonging to the said gate: it says also that timber belonging to the gate was carried to Will. Leffe's house: it says also that Will. the Wheeler has in his keeping two bolts; whereupon it is ordered that the aforesaid be distrained.

Inquest made at the North gate by the oath of Alex. Parson (and 11 others). The inquest says that Tho. Fuke took and carried away two bars which went across the gate. It says also that the said Tho. has a certain post standing in his house (made) of timber from the said gate. It says that Alan Parson has in his keeping a certain piece of timber: it says that Will. of Ruddington has a key, a bolt, and thereof the said Will. found pledges (named).

¹ Followed by "Dicit Inquisicio" deleted.

Item inquisicio capta eodem die ad portam occidentalem per sacramentum Ricardi Marescalli (and 3 others). Dicit quod Ric. Marell habet custodia sua vnam cheynam de ferro et quandam peciam ferri. Dicit quod Will. Leffe habuit maximam partem meremii porte predicte. Dicit quod Alex. le Boner dedit ecclesie S. Nicholai quandam barram de ferro. Vnde preceptum est ut prius quod predicti distringantur veniend' respondere.

LIII. *Notes of Tallage Collections.*

Box 3, No. 76. r^o. [Nov. 4, 1282.) †Memorandum quod die mercurii proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum, a. r. r. Edwardi x (3 persons render account) de tallagio assiso in quadragesima ultimo preterita, de quarterio orientali extra portam de viili. et vis. : deinde allocati fuerunt hominibus qui accomodauerunt denarios ad quoddam placitum inter tenentes episcopi Lincolniensis et tenentes Comitum, sicut patet per particulas xlviii. vi^d. et per talliam tradiderunt Laurencio le Celer et Willelmo Baldewin iiiii^{li}. [other small payments]‡ et allocatum fuit Thoma Aboueton clerico pro labore suo de duabus collectionibus tallagii xd.

[From the West quarter £9. 5s. 4d., of which £3. 13s. 10d. was paid to the aforesaid men. North quarter £4 17s. 6d., of which £1. 7s. 8d. to the men, and other payments. West quarter £5. 5s. 0d., £1. 6s. 4d. paid to the men, 12s. for bridge expenses (called in the margin 'Pont' silver.) Thomas Gunfrey then Mayor. From the East quarter within the town, on St Gregory's day 2 Ed. I. £14. 9s. 6d. of which £5. 0s. 2d. to the men. Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor.

Inquest taken on the same day at the West gate by the oath of Ric. Marshall (and three others). It says that Ric. Marell has in his keeping an iron chain and a certain piece of iron. It says that Will. Leffe had the chief part of the timber of the aforesaid gate. It says that Alex. the Debonair (?) gave the Church of St Nicholas a certain bar of iron. Whereupon it is ordered as above that the aforesaid persons be distrained to come to answer.

LIII. Memorandum that on Wednesday next after the feast of All Saints, 10 Ed. I....concerning the tallage assessed in Lent last passed, from the East quarter outside the gate, of £7. 6s. 0d. ; thence there was allowed to the men who lent money for a certain agreement between the tenants of the bishop of Lincoln and the tenants of the Earl, as appears by particulars, £2. 8s. 6d. and by tally there was handed to Laur. le Celer and Will. Baldwin £4. And there was allowed to Thomas Abovetown, the clerk, for his labour on two collections of tallage, 10d.

Arrears of a tallage assessed in Will. Lengleis' time 9 Ed. I. allowance to Robert of Dalby because he went to London for the plea between the Bishop's and the Earl's men.]

Memorandum quod collectores Tallagii [et] exennii factorum ad opus Domini Comitis in Wallia¹ per communitatem ville Leycestrie anno x²...[Small accounts.]

Tenentes Episcopi. Collectores Episcopi Will. de Lidinton et Tho. de Boueton reddiderunt compotum de vili. xviis. iiiid. De quibus soluerunt...xixs. (etc.). [Other small accounts.]

LIV. *Pleas of the Merchant Gild.*

Box 1, No. 14. [In bad condition and hard to read.] [v^o.]... tempore Galfridi Mauclerc maioris [a plea 14 Ed. I. and 3 entries.]

v^o. [June 19, 1286.] Consideratum fuit in aula Gylde coram Galfrido Mauclerk tunc maiore, et tota communitate die mercurii proxima post festum S. Botulfi a. r. r. Edwardi XIII quod nulla certa persona [habebit] caretas ad cariamdam lanam mercatorum set vnusquisque de extraneis...(illegible)...communitate...quod si satisfaciat... habeat licenciam lanam cariamdi. [A plea and 3 entries.]

Recognitio. Matilda que fuit filia Gilberti de Sileby et Elene vxoris eius in plena etate et libera potestate sua venit et cognouit coram maiore ballivis et Juratoribus in plena curia Port[mannemote] quod ipsa remisit et quietum clamauit de se et heredibus suis Willelmo

Note that the collectors of tallage and of the present made for the use of the Lord Earl in Wales by the community of the town of Leicester in 10 Ed. I....

The Bishop's Tenants. The Bishop's collectors Will. of Lyddington and Tho. Abovetown rendered account of £6. 17s. 4d. From which they paid (etc.).

LIV. In the time of the Mayor Geoff. Mauclerk. It was determined in the Gildhall before Geoff. Mauclerk then Mayor and before all the community on Wednesday next after the feast of St Botolph 14 Ed. I. that no person shall have carts to carry merchants' wool, but each of the strangers...shall have licence for carrying wool if he satisfy....

Acknowledgment. Matilda who was the daughter of Gilbert of Sileby and of Ellen his wife, of full age and in her free power, came and acknowledged before the Mayor, bailiffs and Jurors in full court of the Portmanmoot that she remitted and quitclaimed from herself and her heirs to Will. Baldwin and

¹ In 1282 in company with Roger Mortimer, he defeated Llewelyn and sent his head to London.

² Corr. from xi.

Bald(wyn) et heredibus suis totum Jus et clamium quod habui[t] uel habere potui[t] in vno mesuagio cum pertinentiis in parochia Sancti Nicholai Leycestrie (illegible) ex feofamento Alexandri le Deboner iuxta mesuagium Abbatis de Mirivall sicut se extendit (illegible) a venella versus (conclusion illegible).

Memorandum. Will. Mauclerk et Laur. le Seler et Elena uxor Galfridi Mauclerk executores dicti Galfridi...in Aula Gilde die Martis proxima ante festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi XVII coram Thoma Gunfrey tunc Maiore...et aliis, reddiderunt compotum de xlviiii*li*. vs. i*ii*d. de quibus idem Galf. [oner]atus fuit versus communitatem.

[*r^o*.] Will. de Braundeston nuncupatus fuit per maiorem in aula gylde coram Communitate quod idem Will. fecit empcionem et vendicionem in domo sua supra feodum Episcopi de consuetudine scilicet de plumbo, ferro et qualibet mercandisa qua vtatur contra gyltam [et venit ad] forum cum mercandia sua per dies fori et akortauit tolnetum et consuetudinem et pauagium. [Conclusion illegible. Fine 1*s*.]

Reg. de Hynkele acculpatus coram Majore in aula Gylde in pleno Morwenspeche quod idem R. emit corea bouina et taurina infra libertatem et extra, contra statuta Gylde cum denariis abbatis Leycestrie et ad opus eiusdem abbatis. Et dictus R. negauit omnino quod sibi inpositum fuerat, et consideratum fuit secundum quod

his heirs all the right and claim which she had or could have in a messuage with appurtenances in the parish of St Nicholas of Leicester...of the feofment of Alexander the Debonair near the messuage of the abbot of Merevale, as it stretches...from the lane going...

Memorandum. Will. Mauclerk and Laur. le Seler and Ellen, wife of Geoffrey Mauclerk, executors of the said Geoffrey...in the Gildhall on Tuesday next before the feast of St Gregory 17 Ed. I., before Thomas Gunfrey then Mayor...and others, rendered account of £48. 5*s*. 2*d*. with which the said Geoffrey was charged against the community.

Will. of Braunston was charged by the Mayor in the Gildhall before the community that he was accustomed to make purchase and sale in his house on the Bishop's fee, to wit of lead, iron and other merchandise in which he deals contrary to the Gild, and that he came to the market with his merchandise on market-days and shortened toll and custom and pavage.

Reginald of Hinckley charged before the Mayor in the Gildhall in full morningspeech because he bought ox-hides and bull-hides within the liberty and without, against the statutes of the Gild, with the money of the abbot of Leicester and for the use of the said abbot. And the said R. denied entirely what had been charged against him, and it was decided according to what is

statutum est, quod purgaret se cum duobus fratribus Gylde: qui defecit in sua lege. Ideo vadiavit misericordiam.

[July 4, 1287.] Morwenspeche tento Die Veneris proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli a. r. r. Edwardi xv.

Rob. de Thurmeston accupatus per maiorem in aula Gylde. Idem R. communicavit cum mercatoribus extraneis (etc.).

Idem R. acculpatus per maiorem quod cum emisset lanam de Willelmo le Palmere de Hocton...(illegible) eandem lanam ponderare, inuenit falsitatem in eadem lana et noluit dictam falsitatem maiori et ballivis demonstrare et idem Rob. non potuit hoc negare (etc.).

Tho. le Ryder acculpatus per maiorem quod idem Tho. receptat quemdam hominem extraneum et emit et vendit contra Gildam Mercandie (*sic*) (etc.).

Inquisicio. Rogerus Page acculpatus per maiorem quod idem R. emit et vendidit cum denariis extraneorum et quia non fuit in Gylde mercandie ideo posuit se in Inquisicione.

Rob. de Welton acculpatus (etc.) quod...cum deberet lanas colorare in Waydia ponit eas in Warencia per partem vbi deberet eas colorare in Waydia totalliter et...cognouit (etc.). (Fine 1s.)

Juliana ad Aulam acculpata...in aula Gylde coram communitate quod eadem Juliana fraudulenter et scienter cepit sabilonem et posuit

ordered, that he should purge himself with two Gild brethren: he failed in his law. Therefore he pledged mercy.

Morningspeech held on Friday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul 15 Ed. I.

Robert of Thurmaston charged by the Mayor in the Gildhall. The said R. associated with strange merchants. The same R. charged by the Mayor that when he bought the wool of Will. the Palmer of Houghton...(and when he came) to weigh that wool he found deceit in that wool and he would not show the said deceit to the Mayor and bailiffs. And the said Robert could not deny this.

Tho. the Rider charged by the Mayor that he receives a certain strange man and buys and sells against the Gild of trade.

Inquest. Roger Page charged by the Mayor that he bought and sold with the money of strangers, and because he was not in the Gild of trade, therefore he put himself on an Inquest.

Robert of Walton charged that when he ought to have dyed wool in woad he put that part in madder, where he ought to have dyed it entirely in woad. He confessed.

Juliana at the Hall charged in the Gildhall before the community that she fraudulently and well-knowing took sand and put it into wool. And the

in lanam...et predicta J. negat omnia predicta et posuit se (in) Inquisicione: dicit quod bona est et fidelis. Ideo recessit quieta. [2 entries, Tho. Gunfrey's accounts, and other entries illegible.]

[Tues. Nov. 23, 1288. 2 entries, Jan. 21, 1289, 7, the following Friday, charge of illegal association.

Fri. Feb. 25, 1289, 6 entries. [v^o.] May 3, 1289, one plea, one entry.

The gild entries are now after one or other of the following types:]

Lucas le Schereman intrauit Gyldam mercandie et vadiauit xls. et taurum, et iuravit quod vbicunque fuerit, respondebit cum gilda, sin autem amittet Gyldam et fecit finem pro viiis. preter taurum, soluendum (half at one sitting, half at another. In many cases the fine for the bull is 3s. 4d., and for gild entry 6s. 8d.).

Will. Morker intrauit et vadiauit iiis. quia natus fuit in villa ista, et iuravit (as above).

Ric. Winter petiit sedem patris sui et habuit et iuravit (as above).

v^o. [May 6, 1289.] Memorandum quod die Veneris proxima post festum Inuencionis S. Crucis a. r. r. Edwardi xvii uenit Galf. le Bakere de Leycestria coram Thoma Gunfrey, maiore Leycestrie, et balliuis et Juratoribus eiusdem ville et cognouit se tenere de magistro Simone de Beliden canonico Lychesfelde¹ in centum solidos sterlingorum (etc.).

[June 10, 1289.] Joh. le Teler...coram Tho. Gunfrey [almost illegible conveyance of a message to Elena ad Portam].

[June 23, 1219.] [Plea of illegal association.]

Godfridus de Louan' aculpatus quod iuit in patriam cum mer-

said J. denies all the aforesaid, and put herself on an Inquest, which says that she is good and faithful. Therefore she withdrew quit.

Luke the Shearman entered the Gild of trade and pledged 40s. and the bull, and swore that wherever he shall be, he will answer with the Gild, but if not he shall lose the Gild; and he made fine for 8s. besides the bull, to pay (as above).

Will. Morker entered and pledged 3s. because he was born in this town and he swore (as above).

Ric. Winter claimed his father's seat and had it, and swore (as above).

Note that on Friday next after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross 17 Ed. I. Geoff. the Baker of Leicester came before Tho. Gunfrey Mayor of Leicester and the Bailiffs and Jurors of the said town and acknowledged that he owed Master Simon of Belton (?) Canon of Lichfield £5 sterling.

Godfrey of Louvain charged that he went into the country with strange

¹ Not in Le Neve's *Fasti*.

catoribus extraneis ad lanam emendam ad dampnum communitatis Leycestrie et contra libertatem eiusdem ville de denariis predictorum mercatorum.

Predictus Godefridus venit et defendit dicta dampna mercatorum contra libertatem communitatis facta. Et petiit respectum vsque diem dominicam proximam post festum S. Johannis et concessus est ei dies vsque idem tempus. Et predicta die Dominica venit dictus G. quia non ausus erat...(illegible) se sedere inter duos fratres suos de Gilda ad se ipsum purgandum de illo delicto et posuit se in misericordia maioris per plegios (2). Postea fecit finem per iis.

Will. le espicer aculpatus quod idem Will. recepit lanam persone de Humberston in domum suam contra libertatem Gylde Leycestrie ad graue dampnum totius communitatis vt predictum est. Et petiit diem ad ipsum consulendum super responsum suum usque dominicam (as above).

ro. [Oct. 5, 1289.] Placita mercatorum tenta die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Dionisii a. r. r. Edwardi supradicto. [1 entry.]

Memorandum quod Will. de Schulton soluit pro quodam releuio 1 marc. and pro quadam transgressione quia non...(illegible) ad fontem xs. Sic quietus est de singulis demandis die veneris in qua accidit festum S. Cutberti a. r. r. Edwardi XXI.

merchants to buy wool, to the damage of the community of Leicester and against the liberty of the said town, with the money of the said merchants.

The aforesaid Godfrey comes and denies the said damages of the merchants done contrary to the liberty of the community. And he claimed respite till Sunday next after the feast of St John and day was granted him till then. And on the appointed day, Sunday, the said Godfrey came because he did not dare...to sit between his two Gild brethren to purge himself of that offence; and he put himself in the Mayor's mercy by pledges: afterwards he made fine by 2s.

Will. the Spicer charged that he received the wool of the parson of Humberstone into his house, against the liberty of the Gild of Leicester, to the grave damage of the whole community as is aforesaid. And he claimed a day to take counsel about his answer till Sunday (as above).

Pleas of the Merchants held on Wednesday next before the feast of St Denys in the year aforesaid.

Note that Will. of Shilton paid 1 mark for a certain relief and for a certain trespass because he did not...at the well 10s. So he is quit of all demands on Friday on which St Cuthbert's feast falls, 21 Ed. I. (Mar. 20, 1293.)

LV. *Suits against Jakemin of Liège.*

Box 8, No. 187¹. [Fastened with the Portmanmoot Rolls of 1377.]

[June 2, 1281.] Memorandum quod die lune proxima post diem Pentecostes a. r. r. Edwardi nono Jakeminus de Lede aculpatus fuit per Willelmum Lengleys maiorem Leycestrie et communitatem eiusdem ville quod idem Jakeminus iuit per patriam in comitatu Leycestrie et adduxit secum mercatores extraneos et emit de denariis eorundem mercatorum lanas vbicunque inuenire potuit, ad graue dampnum et contra libertatem Gilde eiusdem ville.

Et idem Jakeminus venit in plena curia et non potuit hoc dedicere. Ideo consideratum est quod nullus qui in libertate Gilde mercandie sit, in villa predicta Leycestrie communicet de cetero cum predicto Jakemino. Et si aliquis inueniatur qui in gilda sit habere societatem cum predicto Jakemino amittat omnino gildam et libertatem ville donec idem Jakeminus satisfecerit eidem communitati de dampno predicto.

[June 28, 1289.] Jakeminus de Lede aculpatus in vigilia Apostolorum Petri et Pauli a. r. r. Edwardi XVII quod ipse adduxit mercatores extra libertates ville Leycestrie constitutos (*sic*) vsque ad villam de Tilton et aliby et ibi emerunt lanam per vellera et saccum

LV. Note that on Monday next after Whitsunday 9 Ed. I. Jakemin of Liège was charged by Will. the Englishman Mayor of Leicester and by the community of that town that he went through the country in the county of Leicester and took with him strange merchants and bought wool with the money of those merchants wherever he could find it, to the grave damage of the Gild of that town and against its liberty.

And the said Jakemin came into full court and could not deny this. Therefore it is decided that no one who is in the liberty of the Gild of Trade may deal henceforth with the said Jakemin in the said town of Leicester. And if any one who is in the Gild be found to have dealings with the said J. let him lose the Gild and the liberty of the town utterly, until the said J. shall make satisfaction to the said community for the said damage.

Jakemin of Liège charged on the Eve of the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 17 Ed. I. that he led merchants outside the appointed liberties of the town of Leicester to the town of Tilton and elsewhere and there they bought wool by fleeces and by the sack against the liberty of the town

¹ These pleas occur with some modifications, Box 1, No. 14. [v^o.]

contra libertatem ville et gilde ad graue dampnum totius communitatis et Gilde eiusdem.

Et predictus Jakeminus venit et dicit quod sibi videtur quod non deliquit quia quidam Capellanus nomine Willelmus venit ad domum suam et ibi vendidit Peregrino magistro suo octo saccos lane et dimidium in domo sua. Deinde idem Jakeminus cum predicto Peregrino perexit ad eandem villam et ibi predictam lanam paccauerunt et carriauerunt et tronagium suum de illa lana non dederunt neque tolnetum. Et de eodem loco perexerunt apud Garthorp et ibi emerunt xxiii saccos lane et eodem modo tronagium et tolnetum asportauerunt. Et videtur sibi quod hoc bene facere potest quia homo extraneus est et extra libertatem ville et Gilde. Et si ipse illum non duxisset quidem alius extraneus predictum Peregrinum duxisse debuit¹ videlicet Michael Frothe et alii.

Idem Jakeminus acculpatus quod ipse cum non fuit in libertate ville et Gilde qualiter et quomodo ipse emit Brasium suum in foro domini, et inde facit ceruisiam et per mensuram facit vendicionem quibus emere voluerit in domo sua, contra libertatem ville et ad graue dampnum totius communitatis.

and Gild, to the grave damage of the whole community and Gild of the same.

And the aforesaid Jakemin comes and says that it seems to him that he has done no wrong because a certain chaplain William by name came to his house and there sold to Peregrine his master eight and a half sacks of wool in his house. Thereupon the said Jakemin with the said Peregrine went to the said town and there they packed and carried away the said wool and they did not pay their tronage² on that wool nor toll. And from that place they went to Garthorpe and there they bought 23 sacks of wool and in the same way they escaped tronage and toll. And it seems to him that he may very well do this because he is a stranger and outside the liberty of the town and of the Gild. And if he had not guided that man some other stranger would have guided the said Peregrine, for instance Michael Froth and others.

The said Jakemin (was) charged, as he was not in the liberty of the town and Gild, with the way in which he buys his malt in the lord's market, and makes beer thereof and sells it by measure to whoever would buy it in his house, against the liberty of the town and to the grave damage of the whole community.

¹ On this use of the verb *debere* see Coroners' Roll ed. Gross, glossary.

² Fee for having it weighed on the wool-beam.

Similiter eodem modo aculpatus quod ipse emit vinum apud S. Botulfum et per mensuras magnas et paruas¹ in domo sua sine signo posito vendidit, et regratere facit de Carbone Auenis et feni (*sic*) et aliis diuersis rebus venalibus. Et predictus Jakeminus venit et dicit quod videtur sibi quod in hoc non deliquit pro eo quod homo stallatus est et dat annuatim pro dicta vendicione ceruisie Cannemol ad quod per Juratores situm est.

Idem Jakeminus aculpatus quod ipse duxit eosdem mercatores apud Dalby et ibi lanam magistri de Dalby emit, videlicet viii saccos et dim. contra libertatem predictæ ville. Et predictus Jakeminus venit et dicit quod quidam clericus magistri de Dalby venit ad domum suam sicut Peregrinus magister suus narrabat denarios et vendidit dicto Peregrino dictam lanam et dictus Peregrinus cepit vnum denarium de dictis denariis et dedit predicto clerico nomine arreragii. Et deinde dictus Peregrinus et Jakeminus simul perexerunt apud Dalby et predictam lanam paccauerunt et apud Leycestriam cariauerunt et tronagium et tolnetum de dicta lana balliuis soluerunt. [Et quod non alio modo fecit, faciet quicquid Curia considerauit: vadiavit misericordiam per plegios (named*).]

Similarly (he was) charged in the same way that he bought wine at Boston and sold it in his house in large and small measures unsigned³, and he caused coal, oats and hay and divers other saleable things to be regrated. And the said Jakemin comes and says that it seems to him that he has not offended in this because he is a 'stalled'⁴ man and pays Cannemol⁵ yearly for the said sale of beer at the rate assessed by the Jurors.

The said Jakemin (was) charged that he led those merchants⁶ to Dalby and there bought the wool of the master of Dalby, to wit 8½ sacks, against the liberty of the said town. And the said Jakemin comes and says that a certain clerk of the master of Dalby came to his (Jakemin's) house just as Peregrine his master was counting the money and sold the said wool to the said P. and the said P. took one penny of the said money and gave it to the said clerk as arrears. And thereupon the said P. and J. together went to Dalby and packed the said wool and carried it to Leicester and paid tronage and toll on the said wool to the bailiffs. And to prove that he did no otherwise, he will do whatever the court has determined: he pledged mercy by pledges.

¹ Instead of "*et paruas*" Roll 14 reads "*et etiam ceruisiam.*"

² Supplied from Roll 14.

³ Not marked as standard measures.

⁴ Has paid for a stall in the market.

⁵ *Mol* a tax, *canna*, a measure.

⁶ The chaplain William and Peregrine as above.

LVI. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 69. [Sep. 17, 1286.] Tallagium assisum pro quadam transgressione facta Domine Roesie Denh¹ per consilium Domini Eadmundi Comitis Leycestrie die martis proxima post festum Exaltacionis sancte Crucis a. r. r. Edwardi XIII per sacramentum Galfridi Mauclerk, Thomae le Ryder et aliorum Juratorum.

De quartrona Orientali infra Villam.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Hen. le Mustarder	2	0	Hen. Cosyn	3	6	Will. de Cosynton	1	6
Simon fil. Clerici	1	0	Hen. de Louseby	5	0	Adam Skapelory	2	6
Pet. Veriaunt	5	0	Ric. de Brewode	2	0	Will. Boyste		3
Will. de Bradegate	2	6	Tho. Legath		6	Hugo de Camera		6
Will. de London		6	Will. Ros		6	Will. de Hodynges	1	6
Will. Gryffyn		6	Will. Patun		6	Will. le Fishir	2	6
Will. Filius	2	0	Ric. le Fatte		3	Gilb. Sturdy		6
Rad. Scharp		6	Hen. Tyly		3	Rog. Caritas	1	0
Joh. Sturdy Junior	2	6	Joh. le Blake		3	Thurston le Cha-		
Hugo le Crudere ²	5	6	Will. le Boltere	4	0	luner		3
Alan. le Gardener	2	6	Laur. fil Nigelli	6	0	Rob de Thurmes-		
Rob. Faber		9	Ric. de Cosynton	1	0	ton		6 0
Barth. Aurifaber		6	Ric. le Gaunter ³		3	Joh. de Wyluby	3	0
Cyrekok Curteys		6	Sim. Leueryk		6	Reg. le Be		6
Ingram. Carnifex	1	0	Joh. Sturdy Senior	1	6	Will. Baudewyne	4	0
Rob. de Scharne-			Matt. Sutor		3	Joh. Coch		6
ford	3	6	Rob. Sturdy		2	Will. de Stapelton	3	0
Tho. Sauuage	6	8	Will. de Scarneford	2	0	Walt. de Aula		3
Ric. Fode	2	0	Will. de Byllesdon	1	0	Hen. de Aula	1	0
Joh. Grescod		3	Margeria de Beby	2	0	Ric. de Ibbestoke	1	0
Hugo Spurnetur-			Tho. Stute		6	Ric. le Cuper		6
teys	3		Rob. de Melton		6	Will. Pays	5	0
Elyas le Pelter	3		Joh. Kraukes	1	6	Ric. de Stapelton	8	0
Will. sub Muro		3	Alicia Ace	2	0	Joh. de Stapelton	3	0
Joh. le Chaluner		3	Simon de Okham		6	Adam de Euynton	1	0
Joh. de Burton	6	8	Will. le Kyng		3	Rog. le Sclater	3	0
Rob. de Welton	6	8	Rob. de Oseberston	1	0	Will. de Wyluby	2	0

LVI. Tallage for a certain trespass done to the Lady Rohesia Denh' assessed by the advice of the Lord Edmund Earl of Leicester, on Tuesday next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 Ed. I. by the oath of Geoff. Mauclerk, Tho. the Rider and other Jurors. From the East quarter within the town.

¹ Cf. Rohesia Doyli below. Rohesia de Den', daughter of John de Den', held land at Barking. *Rot. Abbrev. Orig.* p. 86 a, and cf. *Cal. Geneal.* ed. Ch. Roberts, I. 390. For Johannes de Doyley and Rohesia his wife see *Excerpt. Rot. Fin.* p. 218 (40 Hen. III. Staff.).

² See p. 173.

³ Glover.

	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
Joh. de Melton	1 0	Relicta Henrici de		Alex. le Tanur	3
Gilb. le Cuppere	6	Cuntasthorp	6	Will. Noreman	6
Galf. frater eius	1 0	Sim. de Benham	6	Ric. le Louerd	6
Joh. Ode	1 0	Will. de Glen	6	Alan. le Messer	6
Walt. de Marham	2 6	Will. le Mazon	6	Nic. Magister	6
Will. le Carpenter	6	Will. de Morton		Will. de Groby	3
Joh. le Flur	5 0	cum matre sua	1 6	Hen. de Busseby	5 0
Walt. le Sclatere	5 0	Alan. de Brakkele	5 0	Joh. Jordan cum	
Rog. de Wyluby	3	Nic. le Seler	3	fratre suo	1 0
Adam de Pethlyng	6	Joh. Blak	6	Nic. Hose	5 0
Will. Gent	2 0	Joh. Martyn	4 0	Nic. le Messer	6
Galf. Spyk	6 8	Rob. de Kotes	2 6	Ric. Caritas	3
Will. de Thurmes-		Tho. le Rydere	16 0	Joh. Rotarius	3
ton	6	Rob. seruiens eius-		Ric. de Stretton	6
Math. le Furner	3	dem	4 0	Galf. Marescall	6
Hugo de Syleby	1 0	Will. Martyn	6	Rog. Fulgod	3
Adam Scharp	3 6	Joh. Swampe	6	Joh. le Newemay-	
Will. le Hornere	1 6	Hen. de Carleton	2 0	ster	2 0
Jakemyn	2 6	Joh. de Knyton	6	Will. de Belegraue	6
Joh. de Kent	6 8	Gilb. Wade	2 0	Will. Panne	3

Summa predictæ Quartrone xii^{li}. xiiiis. viid.

De quartronis boreali et Occidentali.

Alan Pyte	3	Will. de Bracina	4 0	Will. Vyntesys	2 6
Elyas le Taylur	3	Rob. Gryffyn	6	Sim. Keling	2 6
Rob. le Barbur	6	Will. Parser	6	Galf. Pistor	6
Rog. le Furbur	6	Ric. Brodeye	6	Joh. Petyth	6
Will. Walrand	1 0	Alicia de Stretton	1 0	Clemens le Gaunter	6
Joh. le Taylur	3	Rad. Noreman	13 4	Hugo de Pistrina ⁶	6
Rob. Cote	3	Rob. le Kellere ¹	1 6	Will. Kelyng	3
Pet. Ouernon	3	Will. de Sileby	6	Ric. de Pakynton	2 0
Rob. Ingram	3	Tho. Skaldere	6	Joh. le Peyntour	1 6
Rob. de Keuelyng-		Ric. de Honekote	3 0	Sim. le Peyntour	3
worthe	2 0	Walt. le Brun	1 0	Joh. de Dersford	3
Hen. de Thorneton	3	Hugo cum Naso	6	Rob. de Luttebur ⁷	6
Hen. de Querendon	6	Walt. le Seynter ²		Walt. Ingold	6
Joh. de Hologate	3	et filius eius	2 0	Alan. Balle	1 0
Rob. le Cunreur	6	Elyas de Wylve	3	Simon le Roer ⁷	6
Rob. de Seyille	1 0	Walt. le Cuper	3	Reg. de Hynkele	2 0
Pet. Pyk	2 0	Will. Tulle	3	Huberd	6
Tho. Maunteleth	3	Dode ³ le Carter	1 0	Simon Glyde	8 0
Rob. de Querendon	4 0	Reg. le Oyler ⁴	3	Adam le Masun	6
Joh. Aleyn	6	Will. le Swon	3	Hen. de Bracina	6
Will. Pyte	6	Joh. le Bowere ⁵	6	Will. Sutor	6
Olyuer, Carnifex	6	Pet. le Taylur	1 0	Galf. le Taylur	6
Nel le Schreman	1 0	Cecilia de Pethlyng	6	Will. le Tanur	6

¹ Caul-maker.² Girdle-maker.³ O. E. Doda.⁴ Oilman.⁵ Bow-maker.⁶ Of the bakehouse.⁷ Wheeler.

	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
Ric. de Schakres-		Galf. le Cureur et		Matilda de Segraue	6
ton	2 6	frater eius	6	Phil. Cagge	1 0
Rob. de Stone	3	Ric. le Tawere	3	Amicia de Schad-	
Matilda Petyth	1 0	Hugo le Taylur	1 0	desden	6
Rob. le Feyere	6	Hen. de Rodyn-		Joh. de Okthorp	8 0
Will. de Thorp	2 6	ton	1 0	Rob. le Mey	6
Sim. de Balynden	6	Rob. de Wyluby	10 0	Phil. le Gardener	6
Hen. le Gaunter	6	Hen. Lyndraper	6	Rad. de Hodynges	3 0
Pet. de Lydynton	3	Magister Adam	3 0	Tho. de Hynkele	1 6
Rad. de Worthyn-		Tho. le Turnur	3 0	Walt. le Vyrly ³	1 6
ton	6	Bate Ware	6	Joh. de Aylesham	5 0
Hen. Kelyng	2 0	Rad. Olyuer	6 8	Joh. de Keston	1 0
Joh. de Dauyntria	1 0	Angnes de Rodyn-		Joh. de Okham	1 0
Hugo de Skeftyn-		ton	6	Will. le Mustarder	1 6
ton	2 0	Will. Oldman	3	Tho. de Queneby	2 0
Will. de Nouo		Will. le Spycer	3 0	Will. Folebarb	6
Castro	4 0	Sim. Scharp	1 0	Geruasius de Schar-	
Joh. Carpenter	1 0	Hugo le Blextere ²	6	neford	6 8
Ric. de Kyleby	1 0	Rob. Ledbetere	6	Rob. de Sumeruyle	3
Will. Pylle	3	Will. le Mason	6	Rog. de Keston	6
Will. de Burgo	3	Alicia de Morton	3	Matilda Person	3
Tho. Fuke	6	Rob. de Knyton	6	Will. Gruby	6
Joh. de Belegraue	6	Elyas de Buros	3	Ric. le Tauerner	6
Rob. de Colum-		Joh. de Stocton	6	Ric. de Mynsterton	2 6
bario ¹	6	Ric. Marescall	5 0	Rob. le Mercer	3

Summa de Quartronis Boreali et Occidentali viii^z. xviis. viii^z.

De Quartrona Australi.

Hen. Albold	2 0	Galf. de Molendino	8 0	Greg. de Walton	1 0
Elena Dyne	3	Joh. Mawordyn	6	Rog. Molendinarius	2 0
Rog. de Bracina	6	Joh. Tulle	2 0	Joh. de Knytekot	20 0
Elena de Haluton	3	Will. de Hocthorp	1 0	Ric. de Preston	1 0
Hen. de Barkeby	6	Nic. de Sutton	8 0	Will. le Palmere	8 0
Walt. Hyleme	6	Pet. de Bredon	4 0	Adam de Thurles-	
Hawysia Hyleme	1 0	Rog. de Kyrkeby	6	ton	1 0
Ric. de Koreby	1 6	Galf. fil. Herib(erti)	4 0	Will. de Ayleston	6
Hernytus	1 0	Rob. de Bradegate	6	Elena ad Portam	3 0
Ric. le Cutyler	3	Rad. le Waterman	3 0	Will. Daubeney	6
Laur. le Cutyler	1 0	Sim. Skyne	1 0	Hugo de Euynton	1 0
Alex. Lorymer	5 0	Will. le Louerd	4 0	Joh. le Palmere	6
Sim. de Haluton	3	Walt. le Combere	3	Will. de ⁴ Claybroke	6
Joh. Alsy	6	Tho. de Sutton	4 0	Walt. de Welham	10 0
Tho. de Swythe-		Joh. le Seller	6	Ric. frater eius	2 0
lond	1 6	Tho. de Lyleburn	6	Tho. de Thorp	5 0
Tho. Bryd	1 0	Pet. le Prude	3	Tho. Gumfrey	6 8
Joh. le Seler	6	Will. de Threngston	4 0	Joh. le Rus	3 0

¹ Of the doveote.

² See p. 138.

³ The manly, strong.

⁴ MS. *le*.

	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
Ric. le Marwe	6	Ric. Bryd	1 0	Joh. Tebbaud	3
Will. frater eius	1 0	Steph. de Outhby	6	Alicia Magistra	2 0
Rad. de Sutton	3 0	Rad. Osemund	5 0	Will. Cocus et fra-	
Will. le Synkere	1 0	Will. Iryng	3 0	ter eius	6

Summa huius Quartrone viii^{li}. vis. xid.

De quartrona Orientali extra Portam Orientalem.

Tho. Leneye	3	Joh. Tylly	6	Rob. de eadem	6
Hugo de Croxton	3	Will. de Burgo	1 6	Ric. de Thyneby	1 0
Rog. Drewery	6	Iuo de Stocton	4 0	Hen. de Burgo	6
Walt. de Lydynton	3 0	Hugo de Gaddesby	2 0	Joh. Aubrey	1 0
Gilb. Medicus	3	Rog. Barun	3	Dauyd le Cuper	6
Myle Gamel	6	Walt. de Ayleston	4 0	Ric. de Staunton	5 0
Nic. le Noreys	6	Galf. de Haldeneby	3	Walt. fil. Alani	3
Will. Oter	6	Hugo Pistor	3	Ric. de le Waynhus	3 0
Alex. le Tanur	6	Nic. de Mardefeld	3	Galf. de Burgo	5 0
Ric. le Hayrere	6	Dauy de Kent	1 0	Joh. de Stocton	4 0
Sim. de Tokeby	3	Will. Tubbe	3	Ric. de Berleston	6
Will. de Thorneton	4 0	Will. Ace	6	Will. de Role	3
Will. Saunne	3	Joh. Glyde	6 8	Will. de Beby	3
Rob. Wyneger	3	Dauyd de Houby	3	Rob. de Okham	3
Ric. Kagge	6	Ric. sub Muro	3 0	Ric. de Klypston	6
Pet. Herold	6	Agnes de Wotton	3	Joh. de Grendon	1 0
Will. de Stocton	3	Will. de Dauby	6	Joh. Ferey	6
Will. Bate	6	v ^o . Rob. Coynterel	3	Ric. de Ovtheby	6
Simon Ca. ¹ Will. de		Will. Vtred	3	Joh. Attemere	3
Glen	6	Adam Beneth	2 0	Rob. Skot	6
Ayllod de Outhby	1 0	Joh. de Esseby	3		

Summa predictæ Quartrone lxviii. iid.

<i>Tenentes Episcopi.</i>	[Roll 79 ² .]		<i>Tenentes Episcopi.</i>	[Roll 79 ² .]	
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Will. de Braundeston	6 8	5 0	Ric. Kelyng	5 0	4 6
Rob. Benet	4 0		Hen. Hose	6	
Will. de Lydynton	3		Ranulf Pistor	6	1 0
Pet. Vnfrey	10 0	4	Agnes Dorlot	4 0	
Joh. Caritas	1 0		Galf. de Lydyngton	6 8	7 0
Amicia de Role ³	6	6	Rog. le Hore	6	
Rad. Mykelloue ⁴	10 0	4 0	Joh. Steyn ⁴	6 8	5 0
Will. le Morker	1 0	3 0	Joh. Piscator	3 0	4 0
Rog. Dodeman	6	6	Rob. Myre ⁵	1 6	

Summa lxiis. iiid.

Summa totalis ex vtraque parte istius Rotuli huc vsque xxxv^{li}. ixs. viid.

¹ ? Simon Caritas.

² See below LVIII.

³ Roþele in Roll 79.

⁴ Collector, in Roll 79.

⁵ Roll 79 adds Rob. Sire 2s. and Rog. de Stretton 6d.

Ad huc de supradicto tallagio de illis qui fuerunt iudicati per inquisitionem. Godefridus de Lovan, 1 marc, Rogerus Aurifaber, iiis. Ric. le Taylur ad instanciam marescalli iis. [and 38 others]. Summa malefactorum xiiii*li*. viii*d*. [Total sum of the roll given as £49 10*s*. 3*d*.]

LVII. *Assessment of Cannemol.*

Box 3, No. 78 (1). [r^o.] [1288—9.] Taxacio de *Cannemol* de Braciatoribus Leycestrie infra Burgum et extra, tempore Thome le Rider et Willelmi de Bracina balliuorum Leycestrie, a. r. r. Edwardi XVI. (In the East quarter 77¹, South, 47, West, 45, without the East gate, 33² names and payments.)

[v^o.] List of "Taxatores" headed by the Mayor (major.)

(2) (in a rotten state) [r^o] Taxacio de *Cannemol* de Braciatoribus... tempore Radulfi de Honecote et [Roberti de Wilubi].

[v^o.] Summa totalis xii*li*. xviii*s*. vi*d*.

LVIII. *Tallage-Roll.*

Box 3, Roll 79 (1). [Imperfect.] [r^o.] [1289?] Tallagium assisum tempore Willelmi [le Engleys] ad exhennium domini, a. r. r. Edwardi XVII (?) per sacramentum (many names illegible).

[East quarter, 72 names, paying £11. 2*s*. 4*d*., South, 62, £8. 19*s*. 8*d*., and memoranda concerning these sums.]

v^o. [West quarter, £4. 11*s*. 6*d*.; outside the East gate 42, paying £4. 9*s*. 0*d*., bishop's tenants⁴, 13, pay £2. 1*s*. 0*d*. The total is entered

So far of the aforesaid tallage concerning those who were judged by inquest. Godfrey of Louvain 13*s*. 4*d*., Roger the Goldsmith 3*s*., Ric. the Tailor at the Marshal's instance 2*s*. Sum of evildoers (fines) £14. 0*s*. 8*d*.

LVII. Assessment of Cannemol³ from the Brewers of Leicester within the Borough and without, in the time of Tho. the Rider and Will. of the Brewery, bailiffs of Leicester, 16 Ed. I.

Assessment of Cannemol from the Brewers...in the time of Ralph of Huncote and Rob. of Willoughby (bailiffs). Sum total £12. 17*s*. 6*d*.

LVIII. Tallage assessed in the time of Will. the Englishman for the present of the lord, 17 Ed. I., by oath.

¹ Including Jakminus de Leges iiis. See p. 207.

² No Bishop's tenants.

³ Tax on the canna, a liquid measure. See p. 207.

⁴ See p. 211.

as, £31. 7s. 0d.¹ Collectors' names ; they are elected from each quarter by the Community.]

(2) [An indented list of 35 names and payments, apparently loans partially returned, e.g. Tho. Gunfrey and Will. le Engleys, of £5 for pavage receive £2. 10s.] Isti subscripti petunt de Resud² (*sic*) *cli. acomodat' ad opus domini Comitis a. r. r. Edwardi XX.* (8 persons, 10s. each).

LIX. *Third Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 15. [v^o.] Rotulus Gilde tempore Willelmi le Engleys a. r. r. Edwardi XVIII.

[Feb. 3, 1290.] [6 entries, including Jakemin of Liège.]

[Feb. 24, 1290.] Tho. Le Taylur aculpatus fuit per maiorem quod calcauit pissem piscatorum ville³ Leycestrie frequenter, propter quod predicti piscatores alias piscem ad villam ducere noluerunt, ad dampnum communitatis Leycestrie. Et ideo vadiauit misericordiam. (Fine 1s.)

[Apr. 10 (Monday) 1290, 7 entries, Ap. 19, 2 entries and 2 charges of trading with strangers' money, a charge of selling wool to a stranger in the defendant's house, a charge of fraud (dolus) in the dressing (preparacio) of wool, another for similar fraud at Boston, one against Rob. Solomon (Saleman) for dressing wool at Kirby. Five entries.]

Carta Galfridi de Lidinton de Galfrido Homas.

[May 5, 1290.] Memorandum quod die veneris proxima post festum apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi a. r. r. Edwardi XVIII., Galfridus Homas qui plene etatis fuit, venit et cognouit coram Willelmo le Engleys tunc maiore Leycestrie et communitate eiusdem ville quod

These underwritten claim a repayment of the £100 lent for the use of the lord Earl 20 Ed. I.

LIX. Roll of the Gild in the time of Will. the Englishman 18 Ed. I.

Tho. the Tailor was charged by the Mayor that he frequently abused the fish of the fishermen of the town of Leicester, wherefore the said fishermen would not bring fish again to the town, to the damage of the community of Leicester. And therefore he pledged mercy.

Charter of Geoff. of Lyddington concerning Geoff. Homas. Note that on Friday next after the feast of the apostles Philip and James 18 Ed. I. Geoff. Homas who was of full age came, and before Will. the Englishman then Mayor of Leicester and before the community of the said town, he

¹ For £31. 3s. 6d.

² Probably Ang. Fr. *resoude*.

³ Written *villā*.

fuerat (*sic*) etatis XXII. annorum et super hoc produxit testes scilicet (2 named) qui probarent etatem suam et in illa probacione et recognitione, predictus Galf. Homas quietus clamauit Galfrido de Lidinton et Amicie uxori sue totum Ius (etc.) in illa terra cum edificiis et pertinenciis que Isabel' mater sua in libera uiduitate sua dimisit predicto Galfrido de Lidinton ad terminum: que iacet in suburbio orientali Leycestrie inter terram que fuit Nicholai filii Jordani et terram que fuit Hugonis de Houby et se extendit de alta via que vocatur *Le Galtregate* vsque ad muros Leycestrie, etc.

[May 12, 1290, 2 entries.] Prouisum est et concessum per totam communitatem gilde Leycestrie quod nullus Brocarius ne (*sic*) aliquis alius extraneus appropinquabit Balancias in domibus mercatorum nec illi manus apponat¹ nisi venditores et emptores. Et si aliquis mercator contra istam prouisionem presumpserit et super hoc conuictus fuerit dabit communitati gilde xxs. ad primam conuictionem. Et si super hoc alia vice conuictus fuerit, dabit communitati dicte gilde xls. Et si tertia vice super hoc conuictus fuerit dabit lxs. Et si quarta vice conuictus fuerit habebit Bannum per vnum annum et vnum diem secundum prouisionem Gilde. Et ad istam conuencionem firmiter tenendam Maior et communitas constituerunt viii (*sic*) custodes

acknowledged that he was 22 years of age and produced witnesses of this... who might prove his age and in that proof and recognition, the aforesaid G. Homas quitclaimed to Geoff. of Lyddington and Amice his wife all the right (etc.) in that land, with buildings and appurtenances, which Isabel his mother in her free widowhood demised to the said Geoffrey of Lyddington for a term; which lies in the East surburb of Leicester between the land which was Nicholas Jordan's son's and the land which was Hugh of Hoby's, and stretches from the highway which is called Gallowtree Gate as far as the walls of Leicester, etc.

It was provided and conceded by all the community of the Gild of Leicester that no broker nor any other stranger shall approach the balances in the houses of merchants, nor may they touch (the scale) unless they are buyers and sellers. And if any merchant should presume (to offend) against this provision, and should be convicted of so doing, he shall give the community of the Gild £1 for the first conviction. And if he should be convicted thereof again, he shall give the community of the Gild £2. If he should be convicted a third time, he shall give £3; and if he should be convicted a fourth time he shall have the Ban (of the Gild) for a year and a day according to the provision of the Gild. And that this agreement be the more firmly kept, the Mayor and Community have appointed 8 (*sic*)² wardens,

¹ *Nec...apponat* added. Cf. p. 112.

² 11 are named.

extra portam australem, Thomam Gunfrey, Nic. de Sutton: extra portam orientalem, Ric. sub Muro, Nic. Hose, Ric. Keling: infra villam, Joh. de Burton, Rob. de Dalby: extra portam Borealem, Ric. Gerin, Bate Gerin: infra portam australem, Joh. de Knitekot, Laur. le Celer. Et quod nullus vendat lanam nisi siccam et mundam. Et quod nullus (?) de cetero *ponet* dimidiam libram ad petram nec manus apponent (*sic*), sed quando stat in *Close*... (illegible) *dimittant* *balanciam* ire quocunque voluerit et ex qua parte sub pena predicta. [2 entries.]

[July 14, 1290.] Will. Walrant et Ric. le Pakkere acculpantur in aula gilde die veneris proxima ante festum sancte Margarete virginis a. r. r. Edwardi XVIII^o. quod ipsi denicauerunt Willelmum de Grimston partem in lana paccanda apud domum Johannis Cagg. Qui veniunt (*sic*) et concedebant in plena Curia se delicquisse contra libertate(m) gilde. Ideo posuerunt se in misericordia et invenerunt plegios... Condonatur ad instantiam totius Communitatis.

Walt. Adon aculpatus eodem die quod ipse contra libertatem et defensionem maioris fecerat senescallum intelligere quod quidam Rob. de Nottingham fullator deberet dare quincque solidos ad quemdam gentaculum si mansionare¹ in villa et operare² debuit: qui venit et recognovit et vadiauit maiori misericordiam. (Fine 1s.) [1 entry.]

outside the Southgate (2), outside the Eastgate (3), within the town (2), outside the Northgate (2), within the Southgate (2). And that none may sell wool unless it be dry and clean. And that no one henceforth shall put the half pound to the stone, nor put hands (on the scale), but when he stands within the enclosure they shall leave the scale to go whither and on whichever side it will under the aforesaid penalty.

Will. Walrond and Ric. the Packer are charged in the Gildhall on Friday next before the feast of St Margaret the Virgin, 18 Ed. I., that they denied Will. of Grimstone a share in packing wool at the house of John Cagg; they come, and they granted in full court that they have offended against Gild liberty. Therefore they put themselves in mercy and found pledges.... It is pardoned at the instance of the whole community.

Walter Adon charged on the same day that against the liberty and contrary to the Mayor's prohibition, he had told the Steward that a certain Robert of Nottingham, fuller, ought to have given 5s. to a certain dinner if he might dwell and work in the town: who came and confessed and pledged mercy to the Mayor.

¹ Written *mansionē*.

² Written *operari*.

[r^o.] Rotulus Gilde tempore Thome Gunfrey tunc maioris Leycestrie, a. r. r. Edwardi XIX. et Willelmi Le Engleys. [A plea illegible.]

[Mar. 9, 1291.] Placita tenta in aula Gilde die veneris proxima ante festum S. Gregorii a. r. r. Edwardi XIX. [2 entries.]

Walt. de Mounsorel aculpatus per Thomam Gunfrey tunc maiorem Leycestrie quod ipse adduxit mulieres apud Derby ad preparandum lanas contra libertatem Gilde: qui venit et non audebat facere Legem cum fratribus suis et posuit se in misericordia.

[Oct. 2, 1291.] Consideratum fuit die Martis proxima post festum sancti Michaelis, a. r. r. Edwardi XIX, in aula Gilde, per Thomam Gunfrey tunc maiorem Leycestrie et Communitatem eiusdem, quod nullus de cetero recipiat aliquem paccatorem Lane attinctum fecisse contra libertatem ville, sub pena dim. marc.

Rog. de Glen clericus petiit sedem patris....

[Oct. 5, 1291.] Placita tenta Leycestrie¹. In aula Gilde die veneris proxima post festum S. Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi XIX coram Laurencio le Celer tunc maiore:

[Giliana Curteys, twice attainted of preparing wool illegally, pledged mercy (1s.). Emma, Alexander Benet's wife, unless once attainted (nisi semel attinta) for the same, pledged mercy and made fine for 6*d*. Elena of Lillebourne twice attainted pledged mercy, 1s.]

[Oct. 12, 1291.] Memorandum quod Walterus de Mounserel venit

Roll of the Gild in the time of Tho. Gunfrey then Māyor of Leicester 19 Ed. I. and of Will. the Englishman.

Pleas held in the Gildhall on Friday next before the feast of St Gregory, 19 Ed. I.

Walter of Mountsorrel charged by Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor of Leicester that he took women to Derby to prepare wool contrary to the liberty of the Gild: who came and dared not make Law with his brethren: and he put himself in mercy.

It was decided on Tuesday next after Michaelmas 19 Ed. I. in the Gildhall, by Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor of Leicester and by the community of the same, that no one henceforth may take back any wool-packer attainted of having done anything contrary to the liberty of the town, under penalty of half-a-mark.

Roger of Glenn, clerk, claimed his father's seat.

Pleas held at Leicester in the Gildhall on Friday next after Michaelmas 19 Ed. I. before Laurence le Celer then Mayor.

Note that Walter of Mountsorell came into the Gildhall on Friday next

¹ In the margin.

in aula Gilde die veneris proxima post festum sancti Dionisii coram Laurencio Le Celer tunc maiore Leycestrie et communitate eiusdem anno supradicto. Et fecit finem pro omnibus tallagiis, amerciamentis et transgressionibus vsque ad predictam diem pro vna marca....

[Oct. 19.] Joh. de Kent...reddit compotum de viii*li*. iis. *id.* receptis de denariis Gilde, tauris et transgressionibus tempore Thome Gunfrey. [3 entries.]

[r^o.] Memorandum quod Will. Pille recepit de antiquo debito... [same day] in aula Gilde coram Thoma Gunfrey, Joh. de Burton, Joh. de Kent, Ric. sub muro et aliis per manus Willelmi de Threngeston, de Talliagio domine Roys Doyli xviii*s*. et ii*s*. de eodem pro introitu Gilde. Et viii*s*. *vid.* de quodam Talliagio assiso tempore Galfridi Mauclerk, per manum propriam. Et ii*s*. *xd.* de communi bursa per manum Radulfi de Hodings....Item Will. de Threngeston eodem die recessit quietus omnino de talliagio assiso ad vsum domine Roysie Doyli. [6 entries.]

Galf. le baker vadiauit misericordiam pro quadam transgressionem facta Communitati Leycestrie eo quod recognovit in pleno morwenspege quod fregit petram de muro ville et vendidit illam petram. (Pledges.)

[Jan. 24, 1292.] Rob. de le Duffus vadiauit misericordiam...eo quod recognovit in pleno Morwenspeche [etc.] (6*s*. 8*d.*).

after the feast of St Denys before Laur. le Celer then Mayor of Leicester and the community of the same in the above named year. And he made fine for all tallages, amercements and trespasses till that day for one mark.

John of Kent...renders account of £8. 2*s*. 1*d.*, received from money for the Gild¹, and for bulls and trespasses in the time of Tho. Gunfrey.

Note that Will. Pille received in the Gildhall before Tho. Gunfrey...and others, by the hands of Will. of Thringstone, for old debt, of the tallage of Lady Rohesia Doyly² 18*s*., and 3*s*. of the same for Gild entry, and 8*s*. 6*d.* of a certain tallage assessed in the time of Geoff. Mauclerk, by his own hand; and 4*s*. 10*d.* from the common purse by the hand of Ralph de Hodinges. Will. of Thringstone withdrew on that day entirely quit of tallage assessed for the use of Lady Rohesia Doyly.

Geoff. the Baker pledged mercy for a certain trespass done against the community of Leicester, in that he confessed in full Morningspeech that he broke the stone of the town-wall and sold that stone.

Robert of the Dovecote pledged mercy...because he confessed in full Morningspeech.

¹ The meaning, as appears below, is money taken for entering the Gild.

² See note above, p. 208.

Ric. de Thorp Canonicus Abbacie vadiauit misericordiam eodem die quod recognouit quod emit petram de Muro Ville de Roberto de *le Duffous*. Et presciuit quod fuit de muro ville. (3s. 4d.)

[Mar. 4, 1292.] [Nic. Chaloner, Laur. le Celer being mayor, made fine for all tallages etc. 10s. Three entries.

Mar. 19, 1292. Will. the Fleming charged before the mayor, Tho. Gunfrey, and two jurors, for trading with Ivo the Chaplain's money. Four entries.]

[July 21, 1292.] Provisum fuit die lune proxima post festum sancte Margarete a. r. r. Edwardi xx, coram Laurencio le Seler tunc maiore, Roberto de Dalbi, Roberto de Wilughby tunc ballivis, Ada de Merlawe, Willelmo le Engleys, Radulfo de Houby, Johanne Cagge, Willelmo le Paumer, Ricardo sub Muro, Willelmo Baudewin, Johanne de Burton, et aliorum Juratorum quod nullus de cetero debet facere legem cum hominibus allocutis nec suspectis sed cum hominibus fidelibus non suspectis nec allocutis de placito debiti, sicut continetur in statutis ville Leycestrie. Istud statutum fuit provisum propter Hugonem le Merser et Adam filium Bate, anno supradicto. [2 entries.]

[Oct. 24, 1292.] Memorandum quod maior et Communitas Leycestrie concessit Roberto de Bradegate die veneris proxima post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste a. r. r. Edwardi xx ad tenendum *le pruckusherd* excepto tentorio, de communitate, reddendum annuatim predictae communitati iiii. vid. Ita quod Communitas habet libere ingressum et egressum ad tentorium. [1 entry.]

Ric. of Thorpe, Canon of the Abbey, pledged mercy on the same day because he confessed that he bought the stone from the town-wall from Robert of the Dovecote, foreknowing that it was from the town-wall.

It was determined on Monday next after the feast of St Margaret, 20 Ed. I. before Laurence le Seler then Mayor, Robert of Dalby, Robert of Willoughby then bailiffs (etc. see above), and other Jurors, that no one henceforth may make law with men impleaded or suspected, but (only) with faithful men unsuspected and unimpleaded of a plea of debt, as is contained in the statutes of the town of Leicester. This statute was provided on account of Hugh the Mercer and Adam Bate's¹ son in the aforesaid year.

Note that the Mayor and community of Leicester granted on Friday next after the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist 20 Ed. I. the "Pruckusherd," the tenter² excepted, to Robert of Bradgate, to hold from the community, paying annually to the said community 3s. 6d., so that the community has free ingress and egress to the tenter³.

¹ O. E. Bata.

² Can it be Broachersground? Cf. Prykke, for pakkys, *broccus*, in *Prompt. Parv.*, and the suit in the second Gild Roll concerning one who "brochiavit super tentorium," p. 72.

³ Or ?tent.

[Oct. 12, 1292.] Memorandum quod Will. le Boltere comparuit in crastino apostolorum Simonis et Jude...reddidit compotum de tallagio assiso anno xv. tempore Galfridi Mauclerk...remansit in debito versus communitatem in lviii. de quibus dictus Laur. le Seler condonauit viii. *vid.* et sic debet debitum de claro ls. de quibus soluit dicto Laurencio xls. et Laur. filius dicti Willelmi respondit pro xs. et concessum est ei leuare de debito per villam. Istud compotum datum fuit (date as above) a. r. r. Edwardi xx. [1 entry.]

[v^o.] [Feb. 20, 1293.] *Heres.* Consideratum fuit in aula Gilde die veneris proxima ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra per Thomam Gunfrey tunc maiorem Leycestrie, Laurencium le Seler, Rob. de Wiluby, Ric. sub Muro, Will. Baudewyn, Rob. de Dalby, Hen. de Louseby, Joh. de Burton, Joh. Martyn, Tho. le Rider, Walt. de Welham, Will. le Palmer, Will. le Engleys, Joh. de Knytecote, Will. de Threngeston, Rad. de Honecote, Ric. Geryn, Rad. de Hodinges, Will. de Bracina, Joh. Cagge iuratores eiusdem quod quilibet heres post decessum patris sui natus in villa Leycestrie habebit omnes libertates quas pater suus habuit, tam in suburbio quam infra villam, sine aliqua redempcione¹. Et quod ipse habebit vasa predicta videlicet melius plumbum in fornace², meliorem ollam eneam, meliorem peluim cum lauatorio³, meliorem mazerium⁴, coclear' argenteum⁵, mensam

Note that Will. the Boulter⁶ appeared on the morrow of (the feast of) the Apostles Simon and Jude...rendered account of tallage assessed 15 Ed. I. in the time of Geoff. Mauclerk...he remained £2. 18s. *od.* in debt to the community, of which the said Laur. the Seler pardoned 8s. 6*d.* and so he owes a debt of £2. 10s. *od.* clear, of which he paid £2 to the said Laurence, and Laurence son of the said Will. answered for 10s. and he was allowed to raise the debt in the town. This account was rendered...20 Ed. I.

The Heir. It was decided in the Gildhall on Friday next before the feast of St Peter's Chair by Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor of Leicester, Laur. the Seler (and 18 others as above), Jurors of the same, that every heir born after his father's death in the town of Leicester shall have all the liberties which his father had, both in the suburb and in the town, without any redemption. And that he shall have the aforesaid (*sic*) vessels: that is to say the best boiler, the best brass pot, the best jug and basin, the best drinking-cup, the silver

¹ Payment of relief, or fine.

² On the "lead in the furnace" see the glossary to Stevenson's *Nottingham* III. It was a leaden cauldron, analogous to our "copper," fixed in a grate or flue, known as the furnace.

³ The lavatorium or laver is the jug. See *Cath. Ang.* s. v. *lavyr*.

⁴ The best note is in *Prompt. Parv.* s. v. *maser*.

⁵ This is deleted.

⁶ Boulter of meal.

meliores cum meliore mappa. Et si pater suus indebitatus fuerit uersus aliquem et bona sua non sufficiant preter bona predicta, quod illa bona vendantur, donec debita sua penes omnes plenarie fuerint soluta. Ista consideracio fuit facta die veneris predicto a. r. r. Edwardi filii regis Henrici, vicesimo primo¹.

[Entries.] Will. de Morton (s. p.), *Will. Cochet, *Joh. Chat, *Rob. Sturdi, Tho. de Swithelond (s. p.), *Rob. de Stone, Jakmin de Leges, Hen. de Siliby, Will. de Siliby, Rog. Cissor de Kirkeby, Ric. Winter (s. p.), Reg. Fox, Will. de Grimmiston, Hugo le Blestere, *Elias Coys, Rad. le Grom (s. p.), Nigel le Schereman, Joh. de Sadinton, *Pet. le Gardener, Will. de Thurmeston, Joh. de Stoughton, *Walt. de Aula, Will. de Sutton, *Ric. de Houby, Will. de Foxton, Sim. de Kerby, Will. Maucclerk, *Tho. Warin, Randulfus Bartolf, Magister Nic. Rector (s. p.), Adam de Braunciston, Rog. de Glen (s. p.), Joh. de Knitecot Junior, *Joh. de Threngeston, Pet. ad Portam (s. p.), *Will. de le Waynhous, Tho. de Stouton, Joh. de Preston, Joh. de Holgraue, *Nic. Caritas², Hen. de Lichefeld, *Tho. Keling, *Hen. de Barkeby, Will. Schine, *Will. Nel, *Ad. le Kellere, *Rog. Houtyeth, *Rog. le Forster, Will. de Lanwe, Ric. de Sileby, *Rog. de Sileby, Rob. de Dalby.

LX. *Receivers of Gild payments.*

Box 1, No. 17. [r^o.] [1290-1.] Receptum Johannis de Kent de denariis Gilde tauris et transgressionibus tempore Thome Gunfrey a. r. r. Edwardi XIX.

De Roberto de Charn[ford] de tallagio assiso tempore Willelmi Le Engleys anno XVII. [A list of payments for the Gild and for bulls, beginning] De Jak[mino] de Leges, dim. marc. (etc.). De

spoon, the best table and best tablecloth. And if his father should have been in debt to anyone, and his goods do not suffice without the aforesaid goods, let those goods be sold, until his debts to all shall have been fully paid. This decision was made on Friday aforesaid 21 Ed. I.³

LX. Receipt of John of Kent concerning the money for the Gild, and for bulls and trespasses in the time of Tho. Gunfrey 19 Ed. I. From Rob. of Sharn(ford) for tallage assessed in the time of Will. the Englishman 17 Ed. I. From Jakemin of Liège 6s. 8d. From Will. of Thringstone for Rohesia

¹ Printed in *Hist. MSS. Com. Report*, p. 421, from the Vellum Book copy, no. 31. See also Thompson, p. 71.

² ? The magister Nicholaus of the Roll 69. The names of several of these new gild members have already appeared in tallage-rolls, e.g. in Roll 69, Walt. de Aula, Hugo le Blestere, Jakemin.

³ On other local customs about "principals" or "heir-looms" see Pollock and Maitland II. 361 and note.

Willelmo de Threngeston de denariis Roys' Doyli xxxvs....De tallagio assiso tempore Willelmi le Engleys anno XVIII (etc.).

Summa totius Recepti Johannis de Kent vii*li*. iis. *id*.

[Receipt of Ralph de Hodings, for Gild fines, bulls and trespasses in the time of Laur. le Celer, 20 Edw. I. (A list of payments.)]

v^o. [Tho. Gunfrey's receipt for gild fines 23 Ed. I.]

LXI. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 80. Rotulus Collectorum Ricardi Martyn et Willelmi de Beby.

[Jan. 19, 1292.] Tallagia facta pro xxiiii. hominibus missis apud Kenelworth die Dominica proxima ante festum SS. Fabiani et Sebastiani a. r. r. Edwardi xx.

[221 persons pay £10. 16s. 6*d*. The names include le Couk, le Dextere, le Peyntour (2), le Barbour (2), le Tournour, le Goldsmyt, Stwardman, Irnemonger, Margeria le Maltmaker, le hubbere, Swordesman.]

v^o. (8s. 6*d*. pardoned for poverty.) Et (collectores) debent xi*li*. viiis. *id*. De quibus soluerunt Thome Martyn pro iii pannis integris radiatis et i quart' panni radiati ix*li*. iiis. pro panno iiii marc. et x*ld*. (etc.). Summa solucionis ix*li*. xis. Et debent de claro xxxviis. *id*. (etc.). Allocatio pro incremento tallagii predicti quia condonatur per maiorem et communitatem vnde collectores dishonerantur videlicet (a list of payments, 10s. 5*d*.).

Doyli's money £1. 15s. 0*d*....From tallage assessed in the time of Will. the Englishman 18 Ed. I.

Sum of the whole receipt of John of Kent £8. 2s. 1*d*.

LXI. Roll of the Collectors Ric. Martyn and Will. of Beby. Tallages made for 24 men sent to Kenilworth on Sunday next before the feast of Saints Fabian and Sebastian 20 Ed. I....And they owe £11. 8s. 1*d*. of which they paid to Tho. Martyn for 3 whole cloths¹, striped, and a quarter of cloth, striped, £9. 4s. 0*d*., for the cloth £2. 16s. 8*d*. (etc.). Total of payment £9. 11s. 0*d*. And they owe £1. 17s. 1*d*. clear. Allowance for the increment of the aforesaid Tallage because it is pardoned by the Mayor and community; whereof the collectors are discharged...

¹ A whole cloth (of broad cloth) contained 24 yards (4 Edw. IV. c.i.), of narrow, 12 yards.

LXII. *Amercements for breaking the Assizes of Beer, Wine and Measures.*

Box 3, No. 82. [1292-3.] Extracte amerciamenti coram Marechallo domini Regis a. r. r. Edwardi XXI, pro pluribus defaultis post itinere (*sic*) Johannis de Waus et sociis suis anno XIII per sacramentum Ade de Merlawe...et aliorum.

Isti subscripti amerciati fuerunt pro vino vendito contra assisam pro *vid.* et pro *vd.* [Fines at 6s. 8d., 3s. 4d., 2s. etc.]:

De Rob. de Dauby, Rad. de Houeby, Will. de Bracina, Joh. de Burton, Will. le espicer, Laur. le Celer, Joh. de Knitecote, Will. de Scheilton, Ric. de Donninton, Rob. de Wiluby, Will. de Seleby, Will. Maclerc, Tho. le Rider, Jake de Leges, Godefrey Lowan, Rog. Aurifabro. Summa liis. *vid.*

Isti subscripti amerciati fuerunt quia braciauerunt contra assisam pro *id.* ob. post idem tempus. [Fines 2s. and 1s.]

Alicia le Mayster, Tho. le Rider, Joh. Martin, Elena ad portam, Will. le paumer, Will. de prengeston, Galf. de Molendino, Ad. de Braunciston, Rad. de Houeby, Pet. Hunfrey, Alicia vxor eius, Joh. de Stapleton, Will. de Schulton, Ric. de Minsterton, Will. le Louerd, Laur. fil. Nel, Will. le Wiluby, Joh. de Burton, Rob. de Dalby, Will. Baudewin, Will. de Bracina, Rob. Sabin, Rad. Norman, Rob. Deth, Walt. le Sclatere¹, vxor Petri Schaune, Will. de Braunceston², Ric. Keling, Rob. le Kellere, Galf. de Burgo, vxor Ricardi de Waynhous, Amicia de Rothele, Joh. Steyn, vxor Rad. Mikelloue, Will. Fleming, Rob. Gerin, Nic. de Sutton, Will. de Weleham, Will. de Rodinton, Angnecia Dorilot, Joh. Piscator, Adam le Freman, Galf. de Lidinton, Ric. Fode, Jo. de Wiluby, (etc.). [Imperfect at the end.]

[v^o.] Isti subscripti fuerunt amerciati pro ponderibus falsis post idem tempus. [Fines 2s., 1s.]

Alan. le Mustarder, Rob. de Melton, Editha Lewis, Ingram. Carnifice, Galf. de Welton, Ric. de Brewode, Alicia Dexter, Joh. de Melton.—Summa xis. *xid.*

LXII. Copies of the amercement before the King's Marshal 21 Ed. I. for many defaults after the eyre of John de Vaux (?) and his companions 14 Ed. I. by the oath of Adam of Marlow...and others. These underwritten were amerced for selling wine against the Assize for 6d. and for 5d.³...These underwritten were amerced for brewing against the assize for 1½d.⁴, after that time...

These underwritten were amerced for false weights after that time...

¹ Note that the Bishop's tenants are fined.

² An extra fine for not coming before the Marshal.

³ The London rule 1311 was 5d. for the best, 4d. and 3d. for the next.

⁴ Cf. Riley, Liber Albus, p. 1XII. on punishment for selling above the fixed prices, which varied in different periods. At an early period the price was ¾d. a gallon, later 1d. and 1½d.

Isti subscripti fuerunt amerciati pro vlnis falsis post idem tempus.
[Fines 2s., 1s., 6d.] :

Will. de Stapleton, Ric. de Bredon, Hen. de Hinkle, Rob. de Scharneford, Will. Cissor, Will. de Wiluby, Rob. Scot, Rob. de Houthorp, Nic. Caritas, Walt. Virli, Will. de Beby, Will. le Mercer, Will. le Engles, Joh. de Scharneford, Hugo le Merser, Geruasius de Charn', Rad. de Hodings, Rog. de Wiluby, Hen. de Karelton.—Summa xviii.¹

LXIII. *Gild Payments to the Steward of the Honour.*

Box 4, No. 91 (2). [Date uncertain.] Extracte liberationum Senescallo Honoris Leycestrie per maiorem et communitatem Leycestrie de denariis gilde taurorum transgressionum, leuand' per ausilium et consilium eiusdem Senescalli. Ita quod dicta communitas debet dare eidem Senescallo ad opus domine pro labore xls.²

De Will. le Engleys pro arreragiis balliue sue lis. viii*d*. De Will. le Palmer et executoribus Roberti Fabri pro arreragiis balliue sue xli. xvs. id. De Laur. le Seler et Joh. de Burton pro eodem lviii. iii*d*. q^a.

[A list of 42 payments² "pro Gilda" or pro transgressione facta Gilde, and 8 distrains for making the bull fine, and from Robert of Dalby for a tallage to the use of Thomas of Lancaster³ 10s. [v^o.] Robert and Richard Geryn pay for the pledging of Hugh of Skeffington 6s. 7½*d*.]

LXIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 18 (1). Rotulus Gylde tempore Petri Oumfrey.

[Nov. 28, 1298.] Morwenspeche tento die veneris proxima post festum Sancte Katerine a. r. r. Edwardi xxvii.

These underwritten were amerced for false yard-measures after that time.

LXIII. Copies of the payments to the Steward of the Honour of Leicester by the mayor and community of Leicester from the moneys for the Gild, for bulls and trespasses, to be raised by the aid and advice of the said Steward: so that the said community ought to give to the said Steward for the use of the Lady for work £2.

From Will. the Englishman for the arrears of his bailiwick £2. 11s. 8*d*. From Will. the Palmer and the executors of Robert the Smith for the arrears of his bailiwick £10. 15s. 1*d*. From Laur. le Seler and John of Burton for the same £2. 16s. 3¼*d*.

LXIV. Roll of the Gild in the time of Peter Oumfrey.

Morningspeech held on Friday next after the feast of St Katherine,
27 Ed. I.

¹ And Will. Boyste for defective cloth 2s. 3*d*. (pro defectu panni).

² The names include (2) Patrik, Pet. Gylofre.

³ Edmund Crouchback died in June, 1296.

Rob. Deth aculpatus fuit per P. Vmfrey tunc maiorem et comunitatem quod ipse mercandizauit cum denariis Simonis seruientis presbiteri de Wymundewold et habuit societatem cum eo contra sacramentum suum et statutum Gilde ad graue dampnum totius communitatis vnus cuuati (*sic*) seruisie. Et predictus Rob. venit et negat et vadiat Legem et preceptum est ei sedere inter duos fratres gilde: qui sedebat inter Adam de Euenton et Robertum le Kellere. Et quia Laur. le Seler vocauit dictum Adam et dixit quod non interest sua iurare quia fuit balliuus, dictus A. noluit iurare. Attamen amonitus fuit vt ipse iuraret secum ter et quater et noluit. Et postea dictus Rob. agressus fuit ut faceret legem et dixit quod noluit facere et exivit in contemptu Curie. Et postea rediit et petiit remedium desicut assisus fuit inter duos fratres ad faciendum legem et vnus eorum impeditus fuit per quosdam illius Curie ita quod non potuit facere legem sicut ei consideratum fuit. Et postea vadiauit misericordiam pro contemptu et inuenit plegios (2) et fuit ad legem et fecit legem cum Abraham de Euenton et Willelmo filio Dode. Ideo consideratum est quod dictus Rob. quietus eat. [1 entry.] [Plea for denying a man his part of a calf. Community's damage a cask of beer. Damages pledged to the plaintiff and mercy to the community.]

Robert Death¹ was charged by P. Umfrey then mayor and by the community that he traded with the money of Simon servant of the priest of Wimeswould and had dealings with him against his oath and the Gild statute to the grave damage of all the community of a cask of ale. And the aforesaid Robert comes and denies and pledges Law and is ordered to sit between two brethren of the Gild; and he sat between Adam of Evington and Rob. the Caulmaker. And because Laur. le Seler called the said Adam and said that it was not his business to swear because he was bailiff, the said Adam would not swear. For all that he was warned that he should swear with him three or four times, and he would not. And afterwards the said Robert advanced that he might make law, and he said that he would not make it, and he went out in contempt of court. And afterwards he returned and claimed remedy, as was fixed (in the case) between two brothers making law, when one of them was hindered by certain persons of that court so that he could not make law as was adjudged for him. And afterwards he pledged mercy for contempt and found pledges. And he was at law and made law with Abraham of Evington and Will. Dode's son. Therefore it is decided that the said Robert may go free.

¹ ? D'Eath.

[Feb. 14, 1299. 8 entries.] Rob. Deet acculpatus quod ipse contra prouisionem et statutum post vltimam acculpacionem permisit Broccarium et seruientem suum apponere manus ad Balancias in ponderando lanam, vt prius, et vadiauit misericordiam (2 pledges). Misericordia condonatur ad instanciam totius communitatis ita quod si magis conuincatur super crimine predicto soluet communitati vnam marcam.

Ric. Thurston et Rad. Cokinbred petierunt de Roberto de Dalby quamdam talliam continentem *xxli*. quas receperunt de eodem Roberto ad lanas emendas, eo quod recepit lanam quam emerunt cum pecunia predicta : et Rob. predictus coram maiore et communitate recognouit se recepisse de eis pro pecunia predicta *iiii* saccos et septem petras lane set talliam noluit deliberare.

[v^o.] [Feb. 20, 1299.] Placita Gylde Mercatorum Leycestrie tenta die veneris proxima post festum S. Valentini martiris a. r. r. Edwardi *xxvii*. Tempore Petri Vnfrey. [2 entries.]

Rog. Molendinarius districtus est per unam ollam eneam et unum vrceolum vt testatum est per ballium et preceptum est illa tenere et melius distringere. [Fridays Feb. 27 and Mar. 6 two entries each.]

Simon Skyne acculpatus per maiorem quod vendidit cuidam extraneo vnam pellem lanutam contra statutum Gylde cum prouisum fuerit quod nullus in Gilda vendere debet extraneo (*sic*) persone

Rob. Death charged that, since the last charge, contrary to provision and rule he allowed the broker and his servant to touch the scales while weighing wool, as before, and he pledged mercy. The mercy is pardoned at the instance of the whole community, so that if he be convicted again of the aforesaid crime he shall pay the community one mark.

Ric. Thurston and Ralph Cokinbred claimed a certain tally from Rob. of Dalby containing (a receipt for) £20, which they received of the said Robert for buying wool, in as much as he received the wool which they bought with the said money: and the said Rob. before the Mayor and community confessed that he had received from them for the said money 4 sacks and 7 stone of wool, but he would not deliver the tally.

Pleas of the Gild of Merchants of Leicester held on Friday next after the feast of St Valentine the Martyr, 27 Ed. I. In the time of Peter Unfrey.

Roger the Miller was distrained by a brass pot and a pitcher as the bailiff witnessed: and order was given to keep them and to distrain better.

Simon Skyne charged by the Mayor that he sold a certain stranger a woollfell against the Gild statute, as it was provided that no one in the Gild

minus quam vii septr'¹ quod non potuit negare: ideo in misericordia (etc. Fine 1s.). [8 entries.]

[A charge of trading with another's money. Tues. Mar. 24 another similar charge.]

Roll 18 (2). [Roll of the Gild in P. Oumfrey's time. One entry. Ap. 3, 1299 four entries.]

[May 1, 1299.] Die Veneris proxima post Hokeday....

Memorandum quod Hen. de Busceby petiit de communitate xs. De quibus allocantur ei iiis. de tallagio pontis borealis et recepit de Gilberto le Naylere pro Gylda xl*d.* et de Ricardo Keling' xviii*d.* de predicto tallagio (etc.). [Two others receive payment.]

Rob. de Scharneford acculpatus per maiorem quod mercandizat cum denariis sororum Sancti Leonardi in societate contra statutum Gylde et contra sacramentum suum; qui venit et non negauit, ideo in misericordia. [Peter Unfrey is one of his pledges. Fine 2s.] [Two more requests for payment. Five entries, one a clerk, and one Will. de Southfolch.]

Will. Walschewan acculpatus per maiorem quod volupavit lanam apud Melton et Rothewell contra statutum Gylde: vnde fuit conuictus, quia fratres sui inter quos sedit negauerunt iurare cum eo. Ideo vadiavit misericordiam. Idem acculpatus quod aquauit lanam et inposuit sabilonem apud Sanctum Botulfum: vnde fuit conuictus et fecit finem pro iis. Ita quod si magis de cetero conuictus fuerit super

may sell a strange person less than seven stone (?): he could not deny it, therefore he is in mercy.

On Friday next after Hokeday....Note that Henry of Bushby claimed 10s. from the community. Of which 4s. are allowed to him of the tallage of the North bridge, and he received of Gilbert the Nailmaker for the Gild 3s. 4*d.*, and from Richard Keling' 1s. 6*d.*, of the said tallage (etc.).

Robert of Sharnford charged by the Mayor that he trades with the money of the Sisters of St Leonard's in company against the statute of the Gild and against his oath; who came and did not deny, therefore he is in mercy.

Will, Welshman charged by the Mayor that he wrapped wool at Melton² and Rothwell against Gild-rule: whereof he was convicted because his brethren between whom he sat refused to swear with him. Therefore he pledged mercy. He was accused also that he watered the wool and put sand in it at Boston: whereof he was convicted and made fine for 2s., on the understanding that if he shall be convicted any more henceforth of this kind of offence he shall lose his Gild for ever.

¹ ? for vii petras. It is written over "vnam petram" deleted.

² Melton Mowbray.

huiusmodi delicto amittet Gyldam suam in perpetuum. [Two requests for payment of allowance on the tallage for the North Bridge.]

Memorandum quod Willelmus Sabyn debuit communitati xlis. de tempore quo fuit balliuus. De quibus habuit allacionem (*sic*) pro seruicio suo de iii annis quibus fuit seruiens communitatis, xxs. Et residuum condonatur ei ad instanciam totius communitatis pro pluribus laboribus suis ad Pontem borealem. [One entry.]

v°. [April 10, 1299.] Memorandum quod Die Veneris proxima ante Dominicam Palmarum a. r. r. Edwardi xxvii, Thomas Gunfrey recepit de tallagio assiso ad opus Thome de Lancastria xs. Et de tallagio assiso ad Pontem Borealem dimidiam marcam... (other payments). Et de Ada de Braunceston receptore hoc anno xxs. Et predictus Thomas condonauit communitati ix. s. vii. d. de lxxvi. iii. d. quos petiit per unam talliam. Et sic recessit quietus eodem die de omnibus demandis. Coram Petro Vnfrey maiore, Willelmo le Palmer, Willelmo de Lindrich, Ada de Braunceston, Ricardo de Misterton, Henrico de Busceby, Ricardo Keling et aliis.

LXV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 19. [v°.] Rotulus Gylde tempore Willelmi le Paumer Maioris a. r. r. Edwardii xxviii.

[r°.] [Friday Nov. 27, 1299 one entry.]

[Feb. 4, 1300.] Memorandum quod Rob. de Scharneford venit in aula Gylde die veneris proxima post festum purificationis Beate

Note that Will. Sabyn owed the community £2. 1s. 0d. from the time when he was bailiff, of which debt he had as allowance for his service during the three years in which he was Sergeant of the community £1. And the rest is pardoned to him at the request of the whole community for his many labours touching the North bridge.

Note that on Friday next before Palm Sunday, 27 Ed. I., Tho. Gunfrey received 10s. of the tallage assessed for the use of Thomas of Lancaster, and 6s. 8d. from the tallage assessed for the North Bridge... and from Adam of Braunston receiver in this year, £1. And the aforesaid Thomas excused the community 9s. 7d. of £3. 16s. 3d. which he claimed by a tally. And so he withdrew that day quit of all demands. In the presene of Peter Unfrey the Mayor, and others (as above).

LXV. Roll of the Gild in the time of Will. the Palmer Mayor, 28 Ed. I.

Note that Rob. of Sharnford came into the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of Candlemas and rendered his account of 25 Ed. I. when he was

Marie et reddidit compotum suum de a. r. r. Edwardi XXV quando fuit receptor denariorum Gylde, taurorum et transgressionum.

Ita quod omnibus computat de receptis suis, videlicet de viili. xvis. vii*d*. et de expensis suis, videlicet viiili. xs. viii*d*. ob. q^a. Et sic debentur eidem Roberto xiiiis. id. ob. q^a. De quibus communitas calu[m]pniat xiiis. id. pro factura collistrigii, eo quod Balliui tenentur facere collistrigium et communitas non.

[Ric. of Misterton rendered account on the same day for 26 Ed. I. when he was Receiver. Receipts £10. 3*s*. 2*d*. Expenses £10. 2*s*. 9*d*. So the community owes 5*d*.

Adam of Braunston for 27 Ed. I., Receipts (illegible £ 8*d*). Expenses £14. 2*s*. 8*d*. So £5. 0*s*. 9*d*. (*sic*) is owed to him.

Peter Unfrey's account rendered for a tallage assessed to the use of Sir Tho. of Lancaster £14. 10*s*. 1*d*.]

[Feb. 21, 1300.] Memorandum quod Rob. de Wyluby venit in aula Gylde die lune proxima post festum S. Valentini a. r. r. Edwardi XXVIII et reddit et quietum clamavit Galfrido de Foxton heredi Symonis Wybern vnam schopam inter terram Willelmi Baudewyn et terram Roberti de Thurmaston in Raingia Cordewan' saluo redditu dicto Roberto debito de tenemento predicto.

[Plea of trading with Will. le Straunge who is not in the Gild, pardoned at the instance of the whole community. 6 entries. Robert of Ashbourne paid 10*s*. (i.e. half a mark for the usual fine on entering the Gild, and 40*d*. for the bull-fine :)]

Et sciendum est quod predicti xs. fuerunt *pollard* et *crokard* qui defendebantur cito post recepcionem, quare vendebantur per Adam de Braunceston pro vs.

Receiver of the moneys of the Gild, of bulls and trespasses. So that he accounts in all things for his receipts, that is to say of £7. 16*s*. 7*d*., and of his expenses, that is to say £8. 10*s*. 8³/₄*d*., and so 14*s*. 1³/₄*d*. are owed to the said Robert. Whereof the community claimed 13*s*. 1*d*. for the making of the pillory, because the Bailiffs and not the community are bound to make the pillory.

Note that Robert of Willoughby came into the Gildhall on Monday next after St Valentine's Day, 28 Ed. I., and gave up and quitclaimed to Geoffrey of Foxton the heir of Simon Wibern a shop, (lying) betwixt the land of Will. Baldwin and the land of Rob. of Thurmaston in Cordwainer Row, saving the rent due from the said tenement to the said Robert....

And be it known that the aforesaid 10*s*. were "pollard" and "crockard¹," which were forbidden soon after they were received; wherefore they were sold by Adam of Braunston for 5*s*.

¹ Bad money. See the Statuta de falsa moneta, 1299 (Statutes, i. 131), and Ruding's Coinage, i. 201. And see N. E. D. A kind of foreign money decried as base. The meaning and origin of the terms are obscure.

[Ralph de Hodinges charged with trading with a brother who is not in the gild, pardoned ; the brother enters, with 7 others.]

[? Sep. 2, 1300.] Memorandum quod Adam de Braunceston reddidit computum suum die veneris proxima post festum Sancti Augustini¹ anno supradicto de talliagio assiso ad pontem borealem videlicet de xxlii. iiis. iid. et omnibus computatis de omnibus receptis et expensis suis tam de Gylda quam de talliagio predicto vsque ad predictum diem debuit idem Adam communitati iiis. viii*d.* et vii. ix*d.* qui debent[ur] ei in compoto reddito die proxima post Purificationem beate Marie ei allocantur. [Augustinus le Whyttawere² entered.]

Rogerus Houhel acculpatus fuit per maiorem quod ipse est Custumarius ad *Baterie* et *haymsok'* faciendum, qui negauit et posuit se in Inquisitione que dicit quod dictus R. est talis sicut maior eo inposuit. Ideo consideratum est (blank). [Four entries.]

[v^o.] Receptum denariis Gylde Leycestrie, tauris et transgressionibus eiusdem tempore Willelmi le Palmer tunc maiore a. r. r. Edwardi XXVIII. (Total not added.)

De Laurencio le Seller pro iii velleribus lane sibi venditis quia attachiata fuerunt tempore Petri Vnfrey eo quod mala lana fuit volupata deinter, et vna pellis attachiata in manu cuiusdam extranei in foro : iis. vi*d.*

Note that Adam of Braunston rendered his account on Friday next after the feast of St Augustine in the said year, of the tallage assessed for the North Bridge, that is to say of £21. 3*s.* 2*d.*, and everything being accounted for of all his receipts and expenses, both from the Gild as well as from the said tallage, till the said day, the said Adam owed the community 3*s.* 8*d.*, and £5. 0*s.* 9*d.*, which are owed him on the account rendered on the day next after Candlemas, are allowed to him.

Rogers Houhel was charged by the Mayor that he is in the habit of making battery and burglary³: he denied and put himself on an inquest, which says that the said Roger is what the mayor accused him of being. Therefore it is decided (blank).

Received for moneys of the Gild of Leicester, for its bulls and for trespasses in the time of Will. Palmer then Mayor, 28 Ed. I....

From Laur. le Seller for three wool fleeces sold to him, because they were attached in the time of Peter Unfrey because bad wool was wrapped inside, also one wool-fell attached in the market in the hand of a certain stranger, 2*s.* 6*d.*

¹ ? which feast.

² Leather-worker. Corrected from *Conreour*. Cf. Godefroy.

³ Cf. p. 160.

[Plea of trading in company with a brother not a gild member. The brother and 20 others enter.]

Herbertus le Schereman acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse demenciebatur in presencia maioris et communitalis in aula Gylde Robertum Gentyl, qui non potuit negare. Ideo vadiauit sibi dampna et communitali misericordiam, que condonatur ad instanciam communitalis.

Hen. Sturdy acculpatus per maiorem quod maledixit Duodenam taxantem talliagium: qui negare [non] potuit: ideo in misericordia. (2 pledges; pardoned.)

Volupatores lane in Leycestria ad festum sancti Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi XXVIII. (Blank.)

Nic. Caritas acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse recepit Beatriciam Crouke ad volupandam lanam que non fuit iurata communitali, qui dicit quod ignorauit consideracionem et iurauit. Ideo quietus.

Ric. Gerin Junior acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse in foro Sabbati insultauit Johannem de Stapilton per enorma uerba, quod defamauit ipsum apud bonos et graues: eo quod per preceptum maioris cum aliis posuit tallagium in villa Leycestrie: qui venit et cognouit et vadiauit misericordiam. (Pledges.)

Idem acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse fregit sigillum Colli-gentium tallagii sine Licentia, in contemptu communitalis; qui non potuit negare: ideo vadiauit communitali misericordiam, que

Herbert the Shearman charged by the Mayor for accusing Robert Gentle of lying, in the presence of the Mayor and community in the Gildhall, who could not deny it. Therefore he pledged the damages done to him and mercy to the community, which is pardoned at the instance of the community.

Henry Sturdy charged by the Mayor that he abused the Twelve assessing the tallage: who could not deny it: therefore in mercy.

Wool-wrappers in Leicester at Michaelmas, 28 Ed. I.

Nic. Charity charged by the Mayor that he received Beatrice Crook to wrap wool, who was not under oath to the community: who said that he did not know the rule and swore. Therefore he is quit.

Ric. Gerin Junior charged by the Mayor that in Saturday market he insulted John of Stapleton by extraordinary words, which defamed him among the good and grave, because he put tallage on the town of Leicester by the order of the Mayor with others: who came and confessed and pledged mercy.

The same accused by the Mayor that he broke the seal of the tallage-collectors without licence, in contempt of the community; who could not deny: therefore he pledged mercy to the community: which is pardoned

condonatur ad instantiam communitatis. Ita quod soluet tallagium suum ante diem dominicam proximam post festum Sancti Hillarii. [One entry.]

LXVI. Notes of Tallage.

Box 3, No. 83 (1). [1300.] Collectores talliagii assisi pro aduentu domini Petri de Leycestria et Nicolai de Warr[ewik] Justiciariorum ad¹ inquirendum de *pollard* et aliis articulis in brevis contentis a. r. r. Edwardi xxviii. (4 collectors named.)

Iidem reddunt compotum de v^{xx}*vili*. vis. *xd*. vt patet in rotulo talliagii. De quibus computant liberatum Willelmo le Paumer tunc maiori *iiii^{xx}xi*. *xs*. *iiii**d*. Item liberatum Roberto de Wyluby *ciii**s*. *iiii**d*. [Others respited.]

Allocatum Willelmo le Paumer *xxs*. quos soluit Johanni de London clerico pro labore suo coram predictis Justiciariis. Item computat pro portagio *xxd*. Et allocatum ei de Hugone le mercer *iiii**li*. *viid*. ad instanciam communitatis vt patet in Rotulo Gilde.

Summa *cli*. *ls*. *iiii**d*. Et sic debent dicti collectores *xlixs*. *vid*. preter vnum lauatorium cum pelui quos habuit nomine pignoris de Johanne de Houghton que remanere debent versus communitatem. De quibus *xlixs*. *vid*. Rob. Geryn soluit pro salmone in vno ex-hennio misso domino Comiti *xs*. (etc.).

at the instance of the community, provided that he pays his tallage before the Sunday next after the feast of St Hilary.

LXVI. Collectors of the Tallage assessed for the coming of Sir Peter of Leicester and Nicholas of Warwick, Justices, to enquire concerning "pollard" coin and other articles contained in the writs, 28 Ed. I.

The same render account of £106. 6s. 10d. as appears in the roll of tallage. Whereof they count paid to William the Palmer then Mayor £90. 10s. 4d. Paid to Robert of Willoughby £5. 4s. 4d....Allowed to Will. the Palmer £1 which he paid to John of London the clerk for his work in the presence of the said Justices. He counts for portage 1s. 8d. And £4. 0s. 7d. allowed to him from Hugh the Mercer at the instance of the community as appears in the Roll of the Gild. Total £102. 10s. 4d. And thus the said collectors owe £2. 9s. 6d. besides a laver and basin which he had as a pledge from John of Houghton which ought to remain with the community. Of which £2. 9s. 6d. Rob. Geryn paid 10s. for salmon sent as a present to the Lord Earl.

¹ MS. &.

[Jan. 13, 1301.] Collectores talliagii assisi ad festum S. Hillarii pro vno exhennio facto Domino Regi et vno exhennio facto Domino Thome Comiti Lancastrie et pro communi fine facta cum Marescallo Regis pro villata. [4 names 29 Ed. I.]

Iidem reddunt compotum de xxviii*li*. xiii*s*. x*d*. ut patet in rotulo talliagii. De quibus computant liberatum Willelmo le Paumer tunc maiori xxiii*li*. *id*.

v°. [John Alsby's account of Gild pence etc. Michaelmas 29 Ed. I.—31 Ed. I., sum of receipt £12. 18*s*. 3½*d*. is struck out and "vacat" written. Other allowances made 31—32 Ed. I. are torn. (To) Tho. Gunfrey £26. 13*s*. 4*d*. to the Earl's use. A present sent to London to the Earl; 2*s*. 4*d*. to Michael of Melton for taking oats, for portage and for carrying letters to London (torn).

List of 7 auditors and notes of arrears. £1. 10*s*. 4*d*. in arrears on the North Bridge, the collector being Adam of Braunston as appears in the Roll of the Gild concerning his paid account. Two arrears "pro redditu Tuntorii" (? the tenter). Peter Gunfrey is allowed £4 for a tun (doleum) of wine sent to the Countess of Lancaster¹ and £1. 1*s*. 6*d*. owed to him on his account, as appears in the Gild Roll, and so he owes the community £1. 18*s*. 6*d*.]

LXVII. *First Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 109. [1300.] Receptum denariorum Willelmi le Paumer tunc maioris Leycestrie, de talliagio assiso ad festum omnium sanctorum pro aduentu domini Petri de Leycestria, J. de Diggeby et Nicholai de Warr[ewik] Justiciariorum domini Regis assignatorum ad inquirendum de illis qui emerunt Lanas, pelles, coria, plumbum, stagmen cum alia moneta quam pro sterling post defensionem domini Regis per Breue suum, anno eiusdem vicesimo octauo.

Collectors of the tallage assessed at the feast of St Hilary for a present made to the Lord King and for a present made to Sir Thomas Earl of Lancaster, and for a common fine made with the King's marshal for the township....

They render account of £27. 13*s*. 10*d*. as appears in the tallage roll. Whereof they count paid to Will. the Palmer then Mayor £23. 0*s*. 1*d*.

LXVII. The Receipt of William the Palmer, then Mayor of Leicester, of money from the tallage assessed on All Saints' Day for the coming of Sir Peter of Leicester, John of Digby, and Nicholas of Warwick, Justices of the Lord King appointed to enquire concerning those who bought wool, fells, hides, lead, tin, with other than sterling money, after the prohibition of the Lord King by his writ, in the twenty-eighth year of his reign.

¹ Thomas Earl of Lancaster married 1294 Alice, daughter of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln. She was then aged 11.

Item respondit de *iiii^{xx}xl. xs. iiid.* receptis de Roberto Gerin de tallagio assiso pro domino Petro de Leycestria et sociis suis. Et de *xxiii. id.* receptis de Johanne Alsi de tallagio assiso pro marascallis domini regis. Et de *xiiis. iiid.* receptis de Petro Vnfrey ad expencas (*sic*) predictorum maraschallorum.—Summa *cxiii. iis. ix d.*

De quibus idem computat in vno exhennio misso domino Rogero Brabazon ad festum S. Luce Ewangeliste a. r. r. Edwardi XXVII, *xl.* In donis pro communitate Leycestrie duodene de Framelond apud Melton *xls.* Et ii duodenis de Guthlacston et Gertre *vii. x d.* et pretere in vno gentaculo ad opus eorum *xii d.* Item duodenis de Sparkenhowe *lxs.* Item iii duodenis de Gosecote *viii. vis. viii d.* Item Duodene de Leycestria *vli.* Item duodene de Boseworth *iiis.*¹ Item xv duodenis apud Couentriam, Warr[ewik], Stratford, Kinton, Alecester, Dersete, Brayles et Henle *iiii. li.* Item in donis pro communitate Ricardo de Colleshull pro auxilio suo habendo *xls.* Et domino Radulfo de Schepeye *xls.* Et Ricardo de Walecote dim. *marcam.* Et Johanni Bartolf dim. *marc.* Et Henrico clerico domini Rogeri Brabazon *iis.* Et Roberto de Walecote pro seruicio suo *iiis. viii d.* Summa *xlii. xiiis. viii d.*

Item in vno exhennio misso Nicholao de Warr[ewik] videlicet in

He answered for *£90. 10s. 4d.* received from Rob. Gerin for tallage assessed for Sir Peter of Leicester and his companions, and for *£23. 0s. 1d.* received from John Alsey from the tallage assessed for the Lord King's Marshals, and for *13s. 4d.* received from Peter Unfrey for the expenses of the said Marshals.—Total *£114. 3s. 9d.* Of which he counts for a present sent to Sir Roger Brabazon² at the feast of St Luke the Evangelist, 27 Ed. I., *£10.* In gifts on the community's behalf to the Jury of Framland³ at Melton Mowbray *£2.* To two Juries of Guthlaxton and Gartree³ *£6. 3s. 4d.*, and further for a feast for their use *1s.* To the Juries of Sparkenhoe³ *£3.* To three Juries of Goscote³ *£7. 6s. 8d.* For the Jury of Leicester *£5.* For the Jury of Bosworth *4s.* For 15 Juries at Coventry, Warwick, Stratford, Kinton, Alcester, Dasset, Brailes and Henley, *£4.* In gifts on the community's behalf to Richard of Coleshill for having his aid, *£2*; and to Sir Ralph of Sheepy⁴ *£2.* And to Ric. of Walcote *6s. 8d.* And to John Bartolf *6s. 8d.* And to Henry clerk of Sir Roger Brabazon *2s.* And to Rob. of Walcote for his service *3s. 4d.*—Total *£42. 13s. 8d.*

For a present sent to Nic. of Warwick, that is to say for a cloth bought of

¹ A word inserted above the line which I cannot read, ? "vide supra."

² Chief-Justice, and 1 Ap. 1300 appointed to perambulate the royal forests in Staffordshire, Salop and Derby. The proceedings here seem to be those of a judicial eyre (not forest eyre), or of justices of assize. This is before his appointment in 1300.

³ Hundreds of Leicestershire.

⁴ Near Atherstone.

vno panno empto de Willelmo de Scharneford, *vli. xiiis. iiiid.* Item pro pelura ad idem *xls.* Item in donis pro communitate Philippo fratri suo i marc. Item Ade clerico suo i marc. Item *iiii* garcionibus eorum *iiiiis.* Item pacatum pro cariagio panni et pelure predictæ ad uxorem Nicholai de Warr[ewik], *xiiid.*

In vno exhennio misso Domino Johanni de Diggeby *vli.* In donis pro communitate clerico suo *xld.* Et garcionibus predicti Domini Johannis *iiis. vid.* Item in donis pro communitate familie Domini Petri de Leycestria videlicet Domino Roberto de Halughton ii marc. Item Willelmo de Dalby *xls.* Item Roberto de Wylewes *lxs.* Item vallectis predicti Domini Petri, videlicet Lymeseye, Radulfo de Kirkeby et Willelmo Druel *xs.* Item *viii* garcionibus eiusdem domini Petri *viiis.* Item ii *Pages* *xiiid.* Item *iii* clericulis et ii garcionibus *iiis. vid.* Item in donis pro communitate subvicecomiti *xxs.* Et ii clericis vicecomitis *xxs.*—Summa *xxiiii*li.* xiiid.*

Item pacatum vicecomiti pro fauore habendo in retorno breuis de defensione domini regis ad emendum lanam, pelles, corria, plumbum et stagmen nisi pro sterling', *xxs.* Et clericis vicecomitis pro eodem i marc. Item pacatum Nicholao Payn pro seruicio suo per vnum diem cum maiore et communitate versus consilium Domini comitis

Will. of Sharnford, £5. 13s. 4d. For fur-lining for the same, £2. In gifts on the community's behalf to Philip his brother, 13s. 4d. For Adam his clerk, 13s. 4d. For 4 of their grooms, 4s. Paid for the carriage of the cloth and of the said fur-lining to the wife of Nic. of Warwick, 1s.

For a present sent to Sir John of Digby, £5. For presents on the community's behalf to his clerk, 3s. 4d. And for the grooms of the said Sir John, 3s. 6d. In gifts on the community's behalf to the retinue of Sir Peter of Leicester, that is to say to Sir Robert of Hallaton, 2 marks. To Will. of Dalby £2. To Rob. of the Willows, £3. To the yeomen¹ of the said Sir Peter: viz. Lymeseye², Ralph of Kirby, and Will. Druel, 10s. To 8 grooms of the said Sir Peter, 8s. To 2 pages, 1s. To 3 young clerks, and 2 grooms, 3s. 6d. In gifts on the community's behalf to the undersheriff, £1, and to two clerks of the sheriff, £1.—Total £24. 1s. 0d.

Paid to the Sheriff for having favour in the return of the writ concerning the Lord King's prohibition of the buying of wool, fells, hides, lead and tin except for sterling money, £1. And to the clerks of the Sheriff for the same, 13s. 4d. Paid 2s. to Nic. Payn for his service during one day with the Mayor and community, before the council of the Lord Earl of

¹ So Wright-Wülcker, in the sense of officer of the household.

² De Limézi.

Lancastrie videlicet Dominum Rogerum Brabazon domini Regis Forestarium et Radulfum de Schepeye, iis.

[A present sent to Sir Peter of Leicester Aug. 23, bread 9*d.*, white wine 2*s.*, wine bought of Peter Unfrey 2*s.*, beer 1*s.*, a salmon 3*s.* 3*d.*; a present sent to Sir John of Digby at the same time, bread, wine, beer, a salmon 2*s.* 3*d.* Also to Nicholas of Warwick. To the Justices on St Bartholomew's Day, Aug. 24, bread 3*s.*, wine 4*s.* and 6*s.* 3*d.*, beer 3*s.* 6*d.*, 1 carcase of beef 5*s.* 6*d.*, 2 unsalted pigs (porc' recent') 6*s.* To R. Parson of Loughborough bread, wine and beer 1*s.* 8*d.* In a present sent to the Juries of Guthlaxton at Hinckley, bread and beer 1*s.* 3*d.*, and at Leicester for the same, 10½*d.* At the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sep. 14, to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, bread 3*s.*, wine 6*s.*, beer 5*s.*, 1 carcase of beef 10*s.* 6*d.*, 3 unsalted pigs 7*s.* The Saturday following to Sir W. of Burford (de Bereford) bread 13*s.* 4*d.*, wine 2*s.*, beer 1*s.*—Total £6. 0*s.* 0½*d.*]

[Nov. 19, 1301.] Item pacatum Rogero de [Glen¹] et Johanni de Knygtcote Juniori in parte solucionis expensarum suarum London'¹ ad parliamentum pro villata xx*s.* viii*d.* Iterum pacatum eisdem pro eodem xx*s.* Item pacatum eisdem pro eodem xx*s.* videlicet die Dominica in vigilia sancti Edmundi Regis.—Summa lx*s.*² viii*d.*

[v^o.] [Gift to Sir Peter of Leicester, Sunday after Michaelmas, bread, wine 4*s.*, beer 5*s.*, 2 unsalted pigs 7*s.*, geese 2*s.* 7*d.* To the two juries of Guthlaxton and Sparkenhoe, bread 5½*d.*, beer 1*s.*, 6 geese 1*s.* 3*d.* To the Earl of Lancaster Wednesday before Christmas, in hay, 10*s.*, in oats £1. 1*s.* 6*d.*—Total £2. 13*s.* 10*d.*]

[Feb. 2, 1300.] Item in expensis Willelmi le Paumer maioris, Rogeri de Glen, Johannis de Knyghtcote, Roberti Hose, et Willelmi Sabyn, cum equis et garcionibus eorum apud Lincoln' in festo Purificationis beate Marie pro pecunia ex mutuo Domino comiti Lancastrie deferenda et pro parlamento Regis per xiiii dies; xlvis.

[For four gallons (lagene) of beer for a present to Sir Reginald of Sheppey, first week of Lent, 6*d.* Present to the Earl of Lancaster, Sunday after Midlent, bread 3*s.*,

Lancaster, viz. Sir Roger Brabazon, the Lord King's Forester, and Ralph of Sheepy.

Nov. 19, 1301. Paid to Roger of Glen and John of Knightcote Junior in part payment of their expenses at London at parliament for the township, £1. 0*s.* 8*d.* Again paid to them for the same £1. Paid them for the same, £1, that is to say on Sunday the eve of St Edmund, the King.—Total £3. 0*s.* 8*d.*

For the expenses of Will. the Palmer, Mayor (and four as above), with their horses and grooms at Lincoln at Candlemas, for carrying money lent to the Lord Earl of Lancaster and for the King's Parliament during a fortnight³, £2. 6*s.* 0*d.*

¹ See Parl. Writs, i. 96.

² lxi has been written.

³ It met Jan. 20, 1301.

beer 5s., 2 salmon £1. In gifts to the messenger of the Earl, 6*d*. In expenses of W. le Paumer and Rob. Geryn going on the business of the community to Sir Roger Brabazon at Rugby (Rokeby), 6*d*.]

Item pacatum pro communi fine facta pro villata Leycestrie marescallo Domini Regis, x marc. In donis eidem pro villata pro fauore habendo xls. Et Thome seruienti suo xs. Et ii garcionibus eorum xii*d*. In percameno empto pro eodem ii*d*. In vno busselo¹ frumenti empto pro mensuris amensurandis² coram marescallo x*d*. In expensis marescalli cum sua familia et equis suis in hospitio Petri Unfrey per iii dies et dim. xxiiiis. v*d*. Item pacatum marescallo pro stantard' ponderibus domini Regis habendo et pro stantard' galon' vini habendo xs. In allocatione i equi pro J. de London' clerico, pro eisdem querendis et habendis apud Lutterworth vi*d*. In expensis eiusdem Johannis i*d*. Item pacatum proclamatori domini Regis pro feodo suo iis.—Summa xiiii*li*. xviis. x*d*.

[Present to the King on his coming to Leicester, in bread, 10s. 6*d*, 2 tuns (dolia) of wine £6. 8s. 4*d*. Two carcasses of beef, £1. 8s. 0*d*., 2 pigs at 3s., 3s. 6*d*., 2 pigs at 6s., 6s. 6*d*., 1 at 3s.]

Item pacatum porcatori xii*d*. Item pacatum panetario, pro feodo suo de tuallis, corbellis, et aliis vessellis vs. Item solutum Bate Geryn viiis. viii*d*. quos acomodauit Johanni Cagge, Willelmo de Lindrych, et Petro Schaune ad expensas suas London' qui fuerunt ibi pro negociis communitatis in vno placito pro breue de falso iudicio quod Will. Friday detulit super communitatem pro Johanne

Paid for a common fine made for the township of Leicester to the Marshal of the Lord King, 10 marks. In gifts to him for the township, for having favour, £2. And to Thomas his sergeant 10s. And to their two grooms, 1s. In parchment bought for the same, 2*d*. In a bushel of wheat bought for measuring measures before the Marshal, 10*d*. In the Marshal's expenses with his household and his horses staying in the lodging of Peter Unfrey for 3½ days £1. 4s. 5*d*. Paid to the Marshal for having the King's standard weights and for having the standard gallon of wine, 10s. For the hire of one horse for John of London, clerk, for asking and receiving the above, at Lutterworth, 6*d*. In the expenses of the said John, 1*d*. Paid to the Lord King's Crier, for his fee, 2s.—Total £14. 17s. 10*d*.

(On the King's visit) paid to the pig-keeper, 1s.; paid to the pantler for his fee for towels, baskets and other vessels, 5s. Paid to Bate Geryn 8s. 8*d*., which he lent to John Cagge (etc.) for their expenses at London, who were there for the affairs of the community in a plea for a writ of false judgment which Will. Friday brought against the community for John the Fisher.

¹ Written bz.

² The same entry occurs again 1307-8.

le Pessonner. Liberatum vicecomiti Leycestrie pro fine villate coram domino Petro de Leycestria et sociis suis xx marc. et pro tallagio xli*d*.—Summa xxiii*li*. xiiis. vii*d*.

Summa totius expensarum cxiii*li*. vis. viii*d*. ob.¹ et sic debet de claro xviii*s*. id.² preter iiii*li*. que dependent adhuc in calu[m]pnia.

LXVIII. *Tallage and Fines for False Measures.*

Box 3, No. 81. [Jan. 13, 1301.] Talliagium assisum in Leycestria ad festum S. Hillarii a. r. r. Edwardi xxix pro vno exhennio facto Domino Regi venienti ibidem ad festum S. Nicholai anno eodem. Et pro communi fine facta cum marescallo Regis pro villata et pro vno exhennio facto Domino Thome Comiti Lancastrie eodem tempore, per sacramentum Radulfi de Hodinges (and 11 others).

De Rad. Osmond pro communi talliagio, dim. marc. De Tho. le Netherde pro falso bussello quia minutus et non signatus is. Ric. Brid, pro consimili³ quia minutus is. De Simone de Cayham pro communi tallagio iis. De domino Waltero cappellano pro consimili xii*d*. De Will. de Sutton pro falsa vlna quia minuta et consimili is. ...Gilb. Wade pro assisa ceruisie fracta coram marescallo regis et

Paid to the sheriff of Leicester for the fine of the township before Sir Peter of Leicester and his companions, £13. 6*s*. 8*d*., and for tallage 3*s*. 5*d*.—Total £23. 13*s*. 7*d*.

Sum total of expenses, £113. 6*s*. 8½*d*. and so he owes clear 17*s*. 1*d*., besides £4 which still stand over in claim.

LXVIII. Tallage assessed in Leicester at the feast of St Hilary 29 Ed. I. for a present made to the Lord King coming thither at the feast of St Nicholas (Dec. 6) in that year. And for the common fine made with the King's Marshal for the township and for a present made to Sir Thomas Earl of Lancaster at that time by the oath of Ralph de Hodinges (etc.).

Of Ralph Osmond for common tallage, ½ mark. Of Tho. the Neatherd for a false bushel, because it was small and not sealed⁴, 1*s*. Ric. Brid for the like because it was small 1*s*. From Sim. of Keyham for common tallage, 2*s*. From Sir Walter the chaplain for the like, 1*s*. From Will. of Sutton for a false yard because it was small and for the like, 1*s*. (blank). Gilb. Wade for breaking the assise of beer, before the King's Marshal, and for the like, 2*s*. Robert

¹ I make the total £117. 1*s*. 7½*d*.

² Should be ob.

³ The word written *con* throughout the roll is apparently for "consimili"; in the Leicester Tallage Roll of Henry VII. it is written once in full. Minutus and minuta are abbreviated *mi* and *ma*.

⁴ Marked as standard-weight.

consimili iis. Rob. Genty^l pro falsa pertica quia minuta et pro consimili iis. Rob. le Rydere pro falso tolneto capto †in molendino de castro et nouo molendino, pro consimili † xld. Hen. de Barkeby quia non furnauit contra dominum Regem sicut assignatum fuit per Juratores, vs. Laur. Pyron de fine facta pro defectu panni coram marescallo iis. Nic. Rauen pro transgressione quia non habuit caretam pro negociis Regis, xld. Sim. Virly pro dimidia libra falsa quia minuta et pro consimili iis.¹

[v^o.] Molendinum Boreale pro falso tolneto capto, conuicto coram marescallo Regis xx^d. . . Joh. le Blake pro assiso vini et consimili. [Several have noted against them that they pay nothing, "Nihil pacatur."]

LXIX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 20². Rotulus Gilde Leycestrie a. r. r. Edwardi tricesimo, Roberto de Wyluby tunc maiore.

[Jan. 12, 1302.] [Two entries.] Ric. de Stapelton qui tenebatur communitati in iiis. de pluribus talliagiis venit et petiit gratiam et condonantur ei xii^d. Ita quod soluet iis. ad pentecosten. (Pledges.) [Two charges of illegal association and 9 entries.]

Rad. Norman acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse permisit filios suos lauare pelles lanutas; qui non sunt iurati contra conside-

Gentle for a false rod because it was small, and for the like, 2s. Rob. the Rider for false toll taken in the Mill of the Castle and at the new mill, for the like, 3s. 4d. Hen. of Barkby because he did not bake against the Lord King's (coming) as was appointed by the Jurats, 5s. Laur. Pyron for fine made for default in cloth before the Marshal, 2s. Nic. Raven for trespass because he had no cart for the King's business, 3s. 4d. Sim. Virly for a false half-pound, because it was small, and for the like, 2s.

The North Mill for taking false toll, convicted before the King's Marshal, 1s. 8d. . . John the Black for the assize of wine (broken) and for the like.

LXIX. Roll of the Gild of Leicester 30 Ed. I., Rob. of Willoughby being then Mayor.

Ric. of Stapleton who owed the community 4s. for many tallages came and claimed grace and 1s. is pardoned him, so that he shall pay 3s. at Whitsuntide. Ralph Norman charged by the Mayor that he allowed his sons to wash woolfells; who are not sworn, against the rule of the Gild: who

¹ Several of the names of those fined for the Assize of beer and wine, and for false measure, correspond with the list of Bishop's tenants, 1286.

² Cropped at the edges.

racionem gylde: qui noluit respondere nec vadiare emendas. Ideo districtus pro contemptu: postea vadiauit unam cuuatam ceruisie secundum consuetudinem gylde. [One entry.]

[Feb. 9, 1302.] Rad. Norman in pleno moruspeche die veneris proxima post festum purificationis beate Marie a. r. r. Edwardi tricesimo coram Roberto de Wyluby maiore, Willelmo le Paumer, Radulfo de Hodings, Johanne Cagge, Ric. de Misterton, Ric. Onderwal, Rog. de Wyluby, Rob. Geryn, Will. de Bracina, Joh. Alsy, Will. de Lindrych et aliis pluribus de communitate, petiit nunquam taxari in talliagio et concessit reddere sursum gyldam suam, et predictus maior et alii nominati et communitas hoc ei concesserunt: ideo habeatur de cetero extraneus ad gyldam. [Three entries.]

Hen. le Mustarder et Rob. de Thurmodeston, plegii Thome de Ingwardeby, qui aretro fuit tempore balliue sue de *iiii*l. *xvs*. *viii*d. ob. petierunt gratiam, quod quidem debitum condonatur per maiorem et communitatem vsque ad *iiii* marcas, solvendas videlicet medietatem ad Pascha et aliam medietatem ad festum Assumpcionis beate Marie anno supradicto. [Pledges, etc. One entry.]

Memorandum quod Rad. de Honecote tenebatur communitati de tempore quo fuit maior in *xviii*s.¹ Et communitas allocavit executoribus suis *xxvs*. quos calumpniauerunt super compoto suo de tempore quo idem Rad. et Rob. de Wyluby fuerunt balliui, pro

would not answer nor pledge amends. Therefore (he is) distrained for contempt: afterwards he pledged a cask of ale according to the custom of the Gild.

Ralph Norman in full Morningspeech on Friday next after Candlemas 30 Ed. I. before Rob. of Willoughby, the Mayor (and as above), and many others of the community, claimed never to be assessed for tallage, and he agreed to give up his Gild, and the said Mayor and the others named and the community granted him this. Therefore henceforth let him be held a stranger to the Gild.

Henry the Mustarder and Robert of Thurmaston, pledges of Thomas of Ingarsby, who was £4. 15s. 7½d. in arrears in the time of his bailiwick, claimed grace; which debt is reduced by the Mayor and community to four marks, that is to say, half to be paid at Easter and the other half at the Assumption of the Virgin (Aug. 15) in the said year.

Note that Ralph of Huncote owed the community 18s. for the time when he was Mayor. And the community allowed his executors £1. 5s. which they claimed on his account for the time when the said Ralph and Robert of Willoughby were bailiffs, on behalf of the said executors for their clerk's board;

¹ Probably 1287-8, or 1286-7, for which years no mayor is recorded.

parte dictorum executorum pro mensa clerici sui ; et etiam pro parte debiti in quo communitas tenebatur dictis Ballivis super compoto predicto, videlicet in xs. ix*d.* ob. q^a; vt patet per rotulum compoti. Nic. Raven die veneris in festo sancti Valentini anno supradicto, pro se et aliis executoribus dicti Radulfi remisit communitati predictos xxvs. inperpetuum pro predictis xviii*s.* Ideo quieti recedant dicti executores de omnibus debitis dictum Radulfum tangentibus. Et predicti executores et Rob. de Wyluby concesserunt communitati totum debitum in quo Adam de Euyngton et Nicholaus de Kent eis tenebantur de tempore quo fuerunt balliui. [Charge of trading in company with a stranger.]

Rob. Scotus accupatus per maiorem quod ipse maledixit maiori in despectum communitatis; qui venit et vadiavit misericordiam. (Fine 2*s.*) [One entry.]

Rad. Norman qui reddidit sursum gildam suam venit et petiit gratiam ad intrandum in gildam et ex gratia maioris et communitatis concessum est. Intravit et fecit finem pro C. solidis (etc.). [One entry.]

[v^o.] (List of receipts for fines and bulls etc.)

Memorandum quod Adam de Braunceston reddidit compotum suum de tempore quo fuit receptor denariorum Gilde de anno xxviii et anno xxix et omnibus computatis de Receptis et expensis, debuit idem Adam communitati viii...vna marca ii*s.* viii*d.* quos debuit in compoto suo reddito de talliagio assiso ad pontem borialem (etc.). [Charge of trading in company with a stranger.]

and also, on behalf of the debt which the community owed the said bailiffs upon the said account, that is to say 10*s.* 9³/₄*d.* as appears in the roll of account. On Friday, St Valentine's day, in the aforesaid year, Nicholas Raven remitted the said 25*s.* for ever from himself and the other executors of the said Ralph to the community instead of the said 18*s.* Therefore the said executors may withdraw quit of all debts touching the said Ralph. And the said executors and Rob. of Willoughby granted to the community all the debt which Adam of Evington and Nic. of Kent owed them for the time when they were bailiffs.

Rob. Scot charged by the Mayor that he abused the Mayor in despite of the community : who came and pledged mercy.

Ralph Norman who gave up his gild came and claimed grace to enter the gild, and out of the Mayor and community's grace it was allowed. He entered and made fine for £5.

Note that Adam of Braunston rendered his account for the time when he was Receiver of the gild money for the 28th and 29th years (of Ed. I.), and all being accounted, of the receipts and expenses, the said Adam owed the community 8...one mark 3*s.* 8*d.*, which he owed in his account rendered for tallage assessed for the North bridge.

Rob. Deet acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse fecit rescussum Willelmo de Lindrich et aliis et verberavit seruientem illorum: qui non potuit negare: ideo vadiauit misericordiam. (Fine 3s. 4d.) [One entry.]

Memorandum quod Joh. de Norton recepit die Veneris proxima ante festum S. Dunstani a. r. r. Edwardi (illegible) cameram vltra Portam borealem de maiore et tota communitate, habendam et tenendam a festo...supradicto vsque ad finem quatuor annorum plene completorum pro vs. quos soluit et sustentabit dictam cameram per tempus predictum in omnibus necessariis. [2 entries; 3 charges of trading with strangers.]

[Jan. 5, 1302.] Memorandum quod cum diuerse contenciones mote essent inter Thomam Gunfrey et Willelmum le Paumer die Veneris (illegible, ?ante) festum S. Cedde episcopi, in aula gilde a. r. r. Edwardi XXX, ita concordati sunt quod vtraque...alteri omnimodas transgressiones a principio mundi vsque ad predictam diem: ita quod quis[quis] eorum de cetero dereliquerit iniuste et sine merito, dabit alteri vnum doleum vini et ad hec conseruandam dictus Tho. pleggiauit (2) et Will. le Paumer (2).

Summa totius denariorum xii*l*. xviii*s*. iii*d*. ob.

Summa totius Rotuli ex utraque parte xvi*l*. viii*s*. xi*d*. ob.

Rob. Death charged by the Mayor that he made rescue from Will. of Lindrick¹ and others and flogged their sergeant: he could not deny: therefore he pledged mercy.

Note that John of Norton received on Friday next before the feast of St Dunstan...Ed. I., the chamber beyond the North Gate from the Mayor and all the community, to have and to hold from the feast aforesaid to the end of four full years for 5*s*., which he paid, and he shall keep the said room in repair in all needful things during the said time.

Note that whereas divers contentions had arisen between Tho. Gunfrey and Will. the Palmer, on Friday (before) the feast of St Cedd the bishop, 30 Ed. I., in the Gildhall, they so agreed that each (pardons) the other all manner of trespasses from the beginning of the world till the said day; so that whichever of them henceforth should abandon (the agreement) unjustly and undeservedly, he shall give the other a tun of wine: and to keep this, the said Thomas and William the Palmer each pledged two persons.—Sum total of pence, £12. 18*s*. 3½*d*. Sum of the whole roll on either side, £16. 8*s*. 11½*d*.

¹ Yorks.

LXX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 21. v^o. Rotulus Gylde tempore Thome Gunfrey Maioris a. r. r. Edwardi XXXI. [Jan. 25, 1303.] [A charge of trading with a stranger and four entries.]

[Feb. 15, 1303.] Memorandum quod die veneris proxima post festum S. Valentini, Hugo le Mercer venit in aula gilde et petiit relaxacionem de diuersis debitis que communitas ab eo petebant et maior et communitas ad instanciam domini Comitis per literam suam condonauerunt ei iiii*li*. et omnia alia debita. Ita quod, omnibus computatis, communitas tenebatur eidem Hugoni in xxxvi*s*. viii*d*. (etc.) [3 entries].

[Ralph of Butterwick (Boterwyck) charged with abusing the assessors of tallage in full Morningspeech, to the shame and dishonour of the community of £5, which he could not deny. He pledged mercy, and was pardoned at the instance of Thomas of Butterwick. 5 entries. Sum total of this roll £7. 15*s*.]

[v^o.] Receptum Johannis Alsy Thesaurarii tempore predicto de denariis Gylde (etc.) [a list of payments follows and a charge of illegal association in trade]. Summa ex ista parte cvi*s*.

LXXI. *Note of Tallage Collections.*

Box 3, No. 84. v^o. [1303—4.] Tempore Willelmi le Paumer Maioris. [v^o.] Talliagium assisum in Leycestria in festo (torn) datum Domino Comiti pro cariagio suo in Scotia et pro exhennio (torn) principi Wallie per sacramentum...a. r. r. Edwardi XXXI. [v^o.] Summa totalis xxix*li*. xvii*s*. iiiii*d*. De quibus collectores debent respondere de cvi*s*. iiiii*d*. (11 Collectors' names.)

LXX. Roll of the Gild in the time of Thos. Gunfrey Mayor 31 Ed. I.

Note that on Friday next after the feast of St Valentine, Hugh the Mercer came into the Gildhall and claimed release from divers debts which the community claimed of him, and the Mayor and the community at the instance of the Lord Earl (expressed) in his letter pardoned him £4 and all other debts: so that, all being accounted, the community owed the said Hugh £1. 16*s*. 8*d*...

Receipt of John Alsy Treasurer of Gild pence (etc.) during the said period....Total on this side £5. 7*s*. 0*d*.

LXXI. In the time of Will. the Palmer, the Mayor. The tallage assessed in Leicester on the feast...given to the Lord Earl for his carriage into Scotland and for a present to the Prince of Wales by oath...31 Ed. I. Sum total £29. 17*s*. 4*d*. Whereof the collectors ought to answer for £5. 7*s*. 4*d*.

[Sep. 23, 1304.] Qui quidem Collectores die mercurii proxima post festum S. Mathei apostoli a. r. r. Edwardi xxxii coram Willelmo le Paumer Maiore de predictis xxix*li*. xviii*li*. iiiid*li*. computaverunt¹ liberatas Johanni Alsy Receptori xxiii*li*. per ii tallias. Et computant pro pontagio vadiato iiis. vid. Et computant pacatos pro vno amerciamento in Castro iiis. videlicet pro Willelmo de Broughton, Johanne le Pestour, Willelmo del Waynhous in quodam placito inter ipsos et Nicholaum de Burton. Et pro vno amerciamento balliuo ville per Thomam Keling xiid. Et allocatos eis vid. condonatos Galfrido clerico. Et sic debent predicti Collectores cviii*li*. iiiid*li*. Et postea allocatum eis xx*li*. condonatos Hugoni le Engleys et sic debent[ur] eis iii*li*. xvis. viiid.².—Summa totalis xxxi*li*. iiis. viiid.

LXXII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 22 (1). [Much defaced.] Rotulus Gylde Leycestrie a. r. r. Edwardi xxxiii, Roberto de Wyluby [Maiore].

[Nov. 27, 1304, 6 entries.] [Dec. 18, 1304.] Memorandum quod die veneris proxima ante festum S. Thome apostoli anno supradicto Rad. Norman tulit in pleno *moruspeche* quamdam petram cum qua ponderavit ceram quam dicebat ponderare quatuor libras, in qua

Which collectors counted on Wednesday next after the feast of St Matthew the Apostle 32 Ed. I., before Will. the Palmer, Mayor, of the aforesaid £29. 17*s*. 4*d*., £24 paid to John Alsy, Receiver, by two tallies. And they count for pontage pledged 3*s*. 6*d*. And they count as paid for an amercement in the Castle 3*s*., that is to say for Will. of Broughton, John the Baker and Will. of the Wainhouse, in a certain plea between them and Nic. of Burton. And for an amercement to the bailiff of the town by Tho. Keling, 1*s*. And 6*d*. pardoned to Geoffrey, clerk, allowed to them. And so the said collectors owe £5. 8*s*. 4*d*. And afterwards 1*s*. 8*d*. is allowed them, pardoned to Hugh the Englishman, and so £4. 16*s*. 8*d*. are owed to them. —Sum total £31. 3*s*. 8*d*.

LXXII. Roll of the Gild of Leicester 33 Ed. I., Robert of Willoughby (being Mayor).

Note that on Friday next before the feast of St Thomas the Apostle in the aforesaid year, Ralph Norman brought into full Morningspeech a certain stone with which he weighed wax, which he said weighed 4 pounds,

¹ Written computarunt.

² These figures do not work out, but various corrections may have been introduced after the total was added.

mentitus fuit: cera ponderavit xxvi^d. ob. q^a de nouo apponitos in eadem petra. Ideo consideratum est per maiorem et communitatem quod dictus Rad. amittat Gildam...pro dicta petra, et etiam pro iiii petris cere quas vendidit, que ponderabant dimidiam libram minus quam deberent, vnde fuit conuictus in plena curia et Iudicium pro falso pondere ponitur in respectu. Plegii dicti Radulfi ad audiendum Iudicium suum: Johannes Norman clericus et Johannes Norman senior.

[John Norman pledged mercy to the Mayor and community for speaking ill of Hugh the Mercer in full court. 7 entries; a plea of trading in company with a stranger, 5 entries, and 4 more such pleas.]

[v^o.] Recepta Johannis Alsy a. r. r. Edwardi xxxiii tempore Roberti de Wyluby. [List of payments for gild and bull etc.]

Rob. le Louerd de Outheby in attachiamento fuit cum iii vlnis panni quos [vendi]dit in foro cuidam extranee persone: venit et fecit finem pro dicto panno: forisfactura...pro vs. Plegiauit pannum in manibus Willelmi de Syleby¹: soluit iiii. Petro Lomb¹. [1 entry.] Summa totius Rotuli: vii. xiiis. vii^d. Summa ex ista parte: vii. vs. ii^d.

LXXIII. *Mayor's and Receiver's Account.*

Box 3, No. 85. [1306.] Compotus Rogeri de Wyluby de tempore quo fuit Maior a. r. Edwardi xxxiii.

wherein he lied: the wax weighed 2s. 2³/₄d.² when it was put again against that stone. Therefore it is decided by the Mayor and community that the said Ralph lose his Gild...for the said stone, and also for 4 stone of wax which he sold, which weighed half a pound less than they ought, whereof he was convicted in full court and the judgment for false weight is put in respite. Pledges of the said Ralph (to appear) to hear his judgment: John Norman, clerk, and John Norman senior.

Receipts of John Alsy 33 Ed. I. in the time of Rob. of Willoughby.

Robert the Lord of Oadby was in attachment with 3 yards of cloth which he sold in market to a certain strange person: he came and made fine for the said cloth: forfeiture...for 5s. He pledged the cloth in the hands of Will. of Sileby: paid 3s. to Peter Lamb.—Sum total of the roll, £6. 13s. 8d. Sum total on this side £5. 5s. 2d.

LXXIII. Account of Roger of Willoughby of the time when he was Mayor 34 Ed. I.

¹ See below; he was Receiver.

² The standard silver penny weighed 24 grains tower or one pennyweight. Cf. Riley, *Memorials*, p. 29. Ruding's *Coinage*, I. p. 201—2.

Item respondet de *xxiili*. receptis de Willelmo del Waynhous et Radulfo de Hodinges collectoribus talliagii.

De quibus computat in donis pro communitate Elie de Stapleton senescallo pro fauore habendo *del Cannemol* quod fuit in leuando per Nicholaum de Burton *xxs.* cum vna bursa de serico pro *iis.* In *viii* vlnis Russeti pro eodem *xxvis.* Item clericis & gacionibus suis in caligis emptis & in denariis *vs. id.* In *x* vlnis panni pro Michael de Meldon *xxxxs.* Item in donis domino Roberto de Hoyland quando dominus Comes petiit de villata caretas pro cariagio suo in Scotia *lxs.* cum vna bursa de serico pro *iis. vid.* Et domino Johanni de Kinardeseye *xls.* cum vna bursa de serico pro *xviiiid.* Et domino Hugoni de Cuyilly *xxs.* Et Galfrido de Walecote *xld.* et Marescallo, vallectis et nunciis Comitis in denariis & caligis *iiiiis. xd.*

Idem computat in vno exhennio misso senescallo vna vice in pane & vino *xxiidd.* ob. et alia vice *xviid.* ob. In uno exhennio misso vicecomiti, in pane & vino *iis. vd.* ob. In vno exhennio misso Domino Comiti secunda septimana quadragesime, in vno doleo vini *iiiiili.* Item *iiii* quarteriis, v *strekis* auenarum *xis. xid.* q^a. In vno exhennio misso principi Wallie in autumpno: in vno doleo vini empto de Willelmo de Bracina.

Et totum residuum tam de domino comite quam de principe per Petrum Lomb.

He answers for £22 received of Will. of the Wainhouse and Ralf de Hodinges, collectors of tallage.

Whereof he counts in gifts on behalf of the community to Elias of Stapleton, Steward, for having favour regarding the Cannemol¹ which was being raised by Nic. of Burton, £1, with a silk purse at 2s. In 8 yards of russet for the same £1. 6s. To his clerks and grooms, in the purchase of hose and in money, 5s. 1d. In 10 yards of cloth for Michael of Melton Mowbray £1. 10s. In gifts to Sir Rob. de Hoyland when the Lord Earl claimed carts from the township for his carriage into Scotland £3, with a purse of silk at 2s. 6d. And to Sir John de Kinardeseye £2 with a silk purse at 1s. 6d. And to Sir Hugh de Cuyilly £1. And to Geoff. of Walcote, 3s. 4d., and the Marshal, yeomen and messengers of the Earl in money and in hose 4s. 10d.

He counts in a present sent once to the steward in bread and wine 1s. 10½d., and again 1s. 4½d.; in a present sent to the sheriff, in bread and wine, 2s. 5½d.; in a present sent to the Lord Earl in the second week of Lent, in one tun of wine, £4. Four quarters, five strikes² of oats 11s. 11¼d. In a present sent to the Prince of Wales in autumn: in a tun of wine bought of Will. of the Brewery.

And all the rest both for the Lord Earl and for the Prince (is accounted for) by Peter Lamb.

¹ See p. 207, note 5.

² Varying locally from a ½ bushel to 4 bushels.

In pluribus exhenniiis missis Justiciariis domini Regis Traylebaston. In iiii quarteriis auenarum xs. iiii*d.* In anguillis iiii*s.* viii*d.* In salmone viii*s.* In pane de Johanne Galeys vii*s.* ix*d.*, de Ada Scapelory iis. x*d.* de quadam muliere in Rengia pistorum i*d.* ob. q^a. qui denarii debentur¹. In vino de Rogero de Glen xxiis. i*d.*; de Hugone le Mercer xli lagene. De Johanne de Burton iis. viii*d.* Residuum per Petrum Lomb de omnibus exhenniiis predictis.

Idem computat in donis marescallo clericis & proclamatori Justiciariorum videlicet Ricardo Glum & iii sociis suis viii*s.* Willelmo de Thornton dim. marc. Elie de Preston iiii*s.* Alex Vauassor x*d.* Roberto Pountfraynt vs. Nicholao de Wa[n]desford x*d.* Item Waltero de Berethorp pro quadam billa subtrahenda i marc. et proclamatori xxi*d.*

Idem computat in bordis ad fenestras Aule gilde iis. In gunfis & vertenellis xiii*d.* In calce ad aulam gilde iiii*s.* vi*d.* In herba ad eandem i*d.* Carpentario in parte stipulacionis sue xii*d.* et fabro in parte stipulacionis sue pro ponte boriali viii*d.* Et expensis Hugonis le mercer & Johannis de London ad parliamentum ii marc.

Liberatos Willelmo Folebarbe ad expensas crucis ls. iiii*d.* In con-

In many presents sent to the Lord King's Justices of Trailbaston². In 4 quarters of oats 10*s.* 3*d.*, in eels 3*s.* 8*d.*, salmon 8*s.*, bread from John Welshman 7*s.* 9*d.*, from Adam Scapelory 2*s.* 10*d.*, from a certain woman in the Bakers' Row 2*¼d.*, which money is owing. In wine from Roger of Glen £1. 2*s.* 2*d.*, from Hugh the Mercer 41 gallons. From John of Burton 2*s.* 8*d.*; the rest (is accounted for) by Peter Lamb for all the presents aforesaid.

He counts in gifts to the marshal, clerks and crier of the Justices, to wit to Ric. Glum and his three fellows 8*s.*; to Will. of Thornton 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Elias of Preston, 4*s.*; to Alex. Vavassour 3*s.* 4*d.*; Rob. Pontefract 5*s.*; Nic. of Wansford, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Walter of Burthorpe for withdrawing a certain bill i mark, and to the crier 1*s.* 10*d.*

He counts in boards for the windows of the Gildhall 2*s.* In large hinges and small hinges³ 1*s.* 2*d.* In lime for the Gildhall, 3*s.* 6*d.* In grass for the same 2*d.* To the carpenter in part payment of his bargain 1*s.* and to the smith in part payment of his bargain for the North Bridge 8*d.* In the expenses of Hugh the Mercer and John of London at Parliament 2 marks. Paid to Will. Folebarbe for the expenses of the Cross, £2. 10*s.* 3*d.* In the hiring of

¹ MS. debūt.

² Justices appointed by Edward I. upon occasion of great disorder in the realm. The derivation is obscure.

³ Cf. Wright-Wülcker and *Prompt. Parv.* p. 194, under *gymowe*. The gumfus is a door-hinge.

ductione i equi pro Johanne Ters uersus Tuttebyry ad Receptorem iis. In expensis eiusdem xviii*d.* per binas vices. Pacatum Ade cementario pro pauimento ex opposito S. Johannis facto, vs. In cariago petrarum & terre ad idem cum stipulationibus ii garcionibus iiis. *vid.*

[v^o.] Memorandum de percameno empto per Rogerum de Stowe pro rotulo corone transscribendo & pro transcripto placitorum corone habendo de Roberto de Pountfreyt vii*d.*¹. Et de salario eiusdem Rogeri pro scriptura. Item pro seruicio suo per iii septimanas in Itinere dictorum Iusticiariorum.

Box 3, attached to No. 85. [1306.] Recepta Petri Lomb de denariis Gylde, taurorum et transgressionum, a. r. r. Edwardi xxxiii. [37 persons paying either for gild, for trespass, for the bull or for tallage, and one 3*s.* for rent of the dyery (pro redditu Tinctorii²) in all £7. 1*s.* 6*d.*]

[v^o.] Expense infradicti Petri anno eodem.

Exhennia. Idem computat in vno exhennio misso Domino Comiti Lancastrie secunda septimana quadragesime in pane viis. In v salmonibus emptis xxiiis. In iii quarteriis iii *strecis* auenarum viiis. ob. q^a. Residuum per maiorem.

Item in vno exhennio misso Auditoribus compoti domini Comitis in crastino cinerum. In pane ix*d.* In salmone iiis. In vino iiis.

a horse to Tutbury for John Ters to the Receiver, 2*s.* In (John's) expenses 1*s.* 6*d.*, on two occasions. Paid to Adam the mason for the pavement made opposite St John's³, 5*s.* In the carriage of stones and earth to the same, with the agreed wages to two lads, 3*s.* 6*d.*

Note of parchment bought by Roger of Stow for transcribing the Coroner's Roll, and for having a copy of the pleas of the crown⁴ from Robert of Pontefract 7*d.*, and for the salary of the said Roger for copying. Also for his service during three weeks in the Eyre of the said Justices.

Receipts of Peter Lamb (receiver) of the pence of the Gild, bulls and trespasses, 34 Ed. I.

Expenses of Peter named below in the same year.

Gifts. He counts in a present sent to the Lord Earl of Lancaster in the second week of Lent, in bread 7*s.*; in 5 salmon bought, 24*s.*; in 3 quarters, 3 strikes of oats, 8*s.* 0³/₄*d.* The rest (accounted) by the Mayor.

In a present sent to the auditors of the Lord Earl's account on the morrow of Ash Wednesday. In bread 9*d.*, in salmon 3*s.*, in wine 3*s.* In a

¹ Perhaps the copy of the Coroner's Roll which is still preserved.

² Wright-Wülcker gives in an A.S. glossary *tinctorium*, telgung (i.e. purple dye); see p. 254.

³ Probably the Hospital of St John the Baptist.

⁴ The roll of Coroners' Inquests is entitled *Placita Corone*.

Item in vno exhennio misso principi Wallie in autumpno in pane vs. Residuum per maiorem.

Item in exhenniis missis per vices Justiciariis domini Regis Traylebaston. In pane, de Johanne Galeys dim. marc. In v salmonibus emptis xiiis. vid.—et totum residuum per maiorem. Summa lxxis. xid. ob. q^a.

Custos aule gilde. Idem computat in sclatis, latthis, clauis, ferro, et ligno et sabilone emptis ad aulam gilde vis. viiid. ob. q^a. Item in grossis clauis ad fenestras iiiid. In stipulacione sclatarii in toto vs. xid. et ii garcionum deseruientium eidem iiis. id. ob. In stipulacione carpentarii pro scannis et fenestris factis iis. id. ob.—Summa xixs. iid. ob. q^a.

*Custus crucis*¹. Idem computat in cariagio petrarum ad Crucem, videlicet Willelmo de Rodington vs. et cuidam extraneo per Johannem de London iis. In xv quarteriis calcis emptis ad idem iiis. ixid.—Summa xs. ixid.

Expensis minutis. Idem computat in expensis duodene ad aulam gilde et etiam pro proclamatori et clericis per vices: in pane, vino, ceruisia, carne et aliis in toto ix. xid. q^a. In conductione vnus equi de Thoma de Wyluby pro Johanne de London eunte pro villata London ad parliamentum iiis. In percamenno empto vid.—Summa xiiis. iiiid. q^a.

gift sent to the Prince of Wales in autumn, in bread 5s. The rest (accounted) by the Mayor.

In presents sent at times to the Lord King's Justices of Trailbaston: in bread, from John Welshman, 6s. 8d.; in 5 salmon bought, 14s. 6d.—and all the rest (accounted) by the Mayor.—Total £3. 11s. 11¾d.

Keeper of the Gildhall. He counts in slates, laths, nails, iron, and wood, and sand bought for the Gildhall 6s. 8¾d. In large nails for the windows 4d. In the bargain of the slater, by contract² 5s. 11d., and of two boys helping him 4s. 1½d. In the carpenter's bargain for making benches and windows 2s. 1½d.—Total 19s. 2¾d.

Keeper of the Cross. He counts in the carriage of stones to the Cross, that is to say to Will. of Ruddington 5s., and to a certain stranger by John of London 2s. In 15 quarters of lime bought for the same 3s. 9d.—Total 10s. 9d.

In small Expenses. He counts in the expenses of the Jury at the Gildhall and also for the crier and the clerks at times, in bread, wine, beer, meat and other things, in all 9s. 10¼d. In the hire of Thos. of Willoughby's horse for John of London, going on behalf of the township to London to Parliament, 3s. In parchment bought, 6d.—Total 13s. 4¼d.

¹ Cal¹ is added (for lime?).

² Litt. in gross.

Liberaciones. Idem computat liberatum Roberto de Swepeston ad reparacionem pontis borealis xxxiiis. Item liberatum Johanni de London pro feodo suo de anno precedenti tempore Roberti de Wyluby dim. marc. Et Johanni Ters in partem feodi sui de eodem anno *vid.*—Summa xls. iid.

LXXIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 23. [1305-6.] Rotulus Gylde tempore Rogeri de Wyluby Maioris, a. r. r. Edwardi XXXIII.

[Nov. 5, 1305.] Placita G. M. Leycestrie tenta die veneris proxima post festum omnium sanctorum anno supradicto incipiente¹. [10 entries.]

Rob. Geryn qui summonitus fuit et districtus ad ueniendum coram maiore et auditoribus compoti ad diem Mercurii in crastino S. Clementis non venit: ideo in misericordia.

Johannes le peyntur querelatus per maiorem quod ipse cepit et asportauit iii pecias ligni de ponte Boriali: qui uenit et negauit totum: et posuit se in Inquisitione: que dicit quod ipse cepit dictas pecias ligni et asportauit sicut ei inpositum fuit: ideo uadiauit misericordiam et reportare illas pecias. [Plea of trading with a stranger.]

Payments. He counts as paid to Rob. of Swepeston for the repair of the North Bridge £1. 13s.; paid to John of London for his fee in the preceding year, in the time of Robert of Willoughby, 6s. 8d. And to John Ters in part (payment) of his fee for the same year, 6d.—Total £2. 0s. 2d.

LXXIV. Roll of the Gild in the time of Roger of Willoughby, Mayor, 34 Ed. I.

Pleas of the Gild Merchant of Leicester held on Friday next after the feast of All Saints at the beginning of the aforesaid year.

Rob. Geryn, who was summoned and distrained to come before the Mayor and Auditors of Account on Wednesday the morrow of St Clement's, did not come: therefore in mercy.

John the Painter impleaded by the Mayor that he took and carried away 3 pieces of wood from the North Bridge: he came and denied all: and put himself on an inquest, which says that he took the said pieces of wood and carried them away as was charged against him: therefore he pledged mercy and to bring back those pieces.

¹ The regnal year began Nov. 20.

Ferminus Malherbe querelatus per maiorem in plena curia quod ipse detinuit¹ waydia sua (*sic*) in Leycestria ad uendendum tam forinsecis quam Burgensibus post quadraginta dies, contra consuetudinem uille; qui uenit et cognouit (etc.) postea fecit finem pro dim. marc.

Will. Skyne querelatus quod ipse licenciauit extraneos mercatores ad secandum salmon' in foro in absentia maioris; qui non potuit negare: ideo uadiauit misericordiam. (Pardoned.)

[Hen. de la Cornere, a similar charge. 5 entries.]

[Feb. 24, 1306.] Memorandum quod Joh. Alsy reddidit compotum suum coram Rogero de Wyluby tunc Majore, Tho. Gunfrey, Laur. le Seller, Will. de Lyndrich, Rog. de Glen, Ric. de Misterton, Pet. de Kent, et Ric. de Houby, auditoribus assignatis et electis per totam communitatem die Mercurii proxima post festum S. Petri in Cathedra, anno supradicto, de quatuor annis, uidelicet tempore Roberti de Wyluby anno XXX, tempore Thome Gunfrey anno XXXI, tempore Willelmi le Paumer anno XXXII, et iterum tempore Roberti de Wyluby, anno XXXIII, quibus fuit receptor denariorum Gilde, talliagiorum, taurorum et transgressionum: unde fuit summa totius recepti sui iiii^{xx}. xix*li*. vii*s*. xi*d*. ob. Et summa totius expense sue vi^{xx}. iiii*li*. xvi*s*. Et sic tenetur dicta communitas dicto Johanni xxv*li*. ix*s*. ob. De quibus idem computat de denariis quos communitas

Firmin Malherbe impleaded by the Mayor in full court that he kept back his woad in Leicester, for sale both to strangers and to burgesses, for more than 40 days, against the custom of the town: he came and confessed (etc.) and afterwards made fine for 6*s*. 8*d*.

Will. Skyne impleaded that he licensed strange merchants to cut salmon in market in the absence of the Mayor: he could not deny it: therefore he pledged mercy (etc.).

Note that John Alsy rendered his account before Roger of Willoughby then Mayor (and seven as above), auditors assigned and chosen by the whole community on Wednesday next after the feast of St Peter's Chair, in the aforesaid year, for four years, viz. for Robert of Willoughby's time 30 Ed. I., Thomas Gunfrey's time 31 Ed. I., Will. the Palmer's time 32 Ed. I., and again for the time of Robert of Willoughby 33 Ed. I., for whom he was Receiver of the pence of the Gild, of tallages, bulls and trespasses: whereon the sum total of his receipt was £99. 7*s*. 11½*d*. And the sum of his whole expense £124. 17*s*. And so the said community owes the said John £25. 9*s*. 0½*d*., whereof he counts of the moneys which the community owes,

¹ There is a superfluous stroke in the original. On the "garnering" of woad see the Northampton rules, Records, I. 231.

debet, videlicet Roberto de Scharnesford xls. [16 names and payments]. Item Willelmo de Bracina pro vino xxiis., Laurencio le Seller pro eodem [and 3 others], Edytha Sturdy pro piscibus, [another] pro *storgon*. Item subtrahuntur ixs. xd. quos idem Joh. Alsy debuit super compotum suum anno XXX et ixs. quos recepit de Roberto de Wyluby in pane empto pro uno exhennio Principi Wallie. Summa xxiii*li*. iiis. vd. Et sic debet communitas dicto Johanni de claro xxvs. viid. ob. et acquietabit communitatem penes uniuersos de omnibus in predicto compoto contentis, excepto vno doleo vini debito Hugoni le mercer quod non dum appreciatur: de quo idem Joh. non tenetur respondere: precium predicti dolei lxs.

[John the Painter charged by the Mayor that he abused Ric. Geryn in the Mayor's presence; he denied and then confessed: pledged mercy.]

Rob. Geryn admonitus per maiorem ut reciperet [r]otulum tallagii ut fuit electus et negauit et in contemptum (*sic*) extra curiam recessit. Ideo in misericordia. [2 pleas of illegal association in trade.]

[v^o.] [Roll of Roger of Willoughby. Gild, bull and tallage payments.]

Rog. le Porter querelatus quod in plena curia maledixit duodene taxanti talliagium dicendo ipsos esse periuros: qui uenit et uadiauit misericordiam. (Pledges.) [Charged again] quod refutauit facere sacramentum ad colligendum talliagium sicut fuit electus per communitatem: venit et vadiauit misericordiam. (Pledges.) [Two more suits illegible.]

i.e. to Robert of Sharnford £2.... To Will. of the Brewery for wine £1. 2s. od., to Laur. le Seller for the same...to Edith Sturdy for fish...for sturgeon. They withdraw 9s. 10d. which the said John Alsy owed on his account 30 Ed. I., and 9s. which he received from Rob. of Willoughby in bread bought for a present to the Prince of Wales.—Total £24. 3s. 5d. And so the community owes the said John clear £1. 5s. 7½d., and he will discharge the community as regards all persons for everything contained in the said account, except one tun of wine owed to Hugh the Mercer which is not yet appraised: for which the said John is not held answerable: price of the said tun £3.

Rob. Geryn admonished by the Mayor that he should receive the roll of tallage as he was chosen (to do), and he denied and withdrew outside the court in contempt (of court). Therefore in mercy.

Roger the Porter charged that in full court he abused the Jury assessing tallage, calling them perjurers: he came and pledged mercy...that he refused to make oath to collect tallage as he was chosen (to do) by the community. He came and pledged mercy.

LXXV. *Tallage-Roll.*

Box 3, No. 87 (2). [After April 3, 1306.] Tallagium assisum in septimana Pasche a. r. r. Edwardi XXXIII pro exhennio facto domino Comiti, pro aduentu Justiciariorum, et pro diuersis debitis et negociis communitatis aretro existentibus, per sacramentum (14 names). [v^o.] Summa *xxii*l*. ixs. viii*d*.*

[A note on the collectors' accounts "vacat quia aliby." Several names in the list correspond with those of Bishop's tenants in 1286. The list is divided into two parts, the first, probably the Eastern quarter, has 153 names, the second, probably the Western, 191. The list LXXVII. is closely similar. The total of the first part is given as £17. 13s. 8*d*.]

LXXVI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 24. [1307-8.] Rotulus Johannis Cagg maioris Leycestrie a festo S. Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Henrici XXXV usque idem festum proximo sequens.

[A plea of illegal association in trade; 6 entries.] Pet. filius Johannis de Kent querelatus per Maiorem eo quod maledixit Wilelmum de Broughthon et socios suos collectores talliagii, qui ipsum distrinxerunt in foro communi sabbati et ab illo prefatam districtionem surripuit: qui fatetur et vadiat misericordiam et condonatur per maiorem et communitatem. [2 pleas of illegal association with outsiders.]

Godefridus de Louena aculpatus fuit per maiorem eo quod ipse tenuit quemdam hominem extraneum nomine Robertum de Lincoln

LXXV. Tallage assessed in Easter week 34 Ed. I. for the gift made to the Lord Earl, for the coming of the Justices, and for divers debts and business of the community standing in arrears, by oath of... Total £21. 9s. 8*d*.

LXXVI. Roll of John Cagg, Mayor of Leicester, from Michaelmas 35 Ed. I. to the same feast next following.

Peter, John of Kent's son, impleaded by the Mayor because he abused Will. of Broughton and his fellow-collectors of tallage, who distrained him in the common Saturday Market and took the aforesaid distraint from him: who confesses and pledges mercy and is pardoned by the Mayor and community.

Godfrey of Louvain was charged by the Mayor because he kept a certain strange man, by name Rob. of Lincoln, who was accustomed to lead

qui solitus est ducere mercatores extra villam Leycestrie apud Notyngham et participat cum dicto G. de perquisitione sua contra statutum Gilde ad dampnum dicte Gilde, i cuate ceruisie: et dictus G. venit et dicit quod quidam mercatores venerunt ad domum suam et viderunt quod non potuerunt expedire negocia sua ad voluntatem eorum in lanis emendis: dixerunt dicto G. quod voluerunt exire villam et alibi mercandisare prout eis melius viderunt¹ expedire et sic fecerunt; et dictus R. reliquit (*sic*) dictum G. et sequebatur eos sine consilio et assensu dicti G. et ad hoc facere paratus fuit quicquid curia consideravit: postea condonatur per maiorem et communitatem ita quod de cetero non habebit societatem cum dicto R. nec ipsum tenebit in seruicio suo.

[Feb. 17, 1307.] Curia Gilde Mercatorum die veneris proxima post festum S. Valentini anno supradicto. [6 entries.]

Tho. le Turnour aculpatus per maiorem eo quod habuit societatem cum fratre magistri de Beaumont² in lanis emendis contra gildam suam: qui venit et negavit et se posuit intra (2 named), quod non deliquit: postmodum fecit legem cum eisdem. Postea vero idem Tho. fatetur quod vendidit lanas cuidam mercatori existenti ad domum Johannis le Blake et de eo recepit *id.* in *Hernest* ita ut ipse veniret apud Beaumont vt videret dictas lanas si sibi placuerint. Dictus vero

merchants out of the town of Leicester to Nottingham, and that he shares his gains with the said Godfrey, against the statute of the Gild, to the damage of the said Gild of one cask of ale: and the said Godfrey comes and says that certain merchants came to his house and they saw that they could not carry on their business to their liking in buying wool: they said to the said Godfrey that they wished to leave the town and trade elsewhere as seemed best to them, and so they did: and the said Robert left the said Godfrey and followed them without the said Godfrey's counsel and consent, and to (prove) this he was ready to do whatever the court decided: afterwards he is pardoned by the Mayor and community, so that henceforth he shall not have dealings with the said Robert nor keep him in his service.

Court of the Gild of Merchants held on Friday next after St Valentine's Day in the aforesaid year. Thomas the turner charged by the Mayor that he dealt with the brother of the Master of Beaumont² in buying wool against his gild: he came and denied and put himself between two (pledges to prove) that he did not transgress: afterwards he made law with them. Afterwards indeed the said Thomas confesses that he sold wool to a certain merchant, living in the house of John the Black, and from him he received one penny in earnest³ that he should come to Beaumont that he might see the said

¹ For videtur, it is written vidint.

² Master of the house of Knights Hospitallers.

³ See Pollock and Maitland, II. 206.

frater prefati magistri de Beaumont duxit illas lanas ad domum Thome le Turnour in Leycestria et ibi ponderata fuit et vendita : et sic conuictus : postmodum posuit se in gratia maioris et totius communitatis et inuenit plegios Godefridum de Louena et Willelmum le Flemyng, et quia Rob. de Whatton cum dicto Thoma fecit legem similiter posuit se in ordinacione maioris et communitatis, et Willelmo de Wyluby et Godefrido de Louena inuentis plegiis, prefatus vero Galfridus (*sic*) pro dicto sacramento prestito posuit se in gratia maioris et communitatis.

Joh. de Wyluby querelatus per maiorem eo quod ipse emit lanas et vendidit uniuersis hominibus contra Gildam ex quo non fuit in Gilda: qui cognouit et vadiauit misericordiam pro commisso. [Pledges: he is pardoned (etc.).]

[v^o.] Rotulus Johannis Cagg anno xxxv cum rotulo tallagii de anno xxxiiii. [List of gild payments.]

[Some payments from tallage collectors due for various tallages.] Et de teyntur' Willelmo le Walker vendita : vis.

LXXVII. *Tallage-Rolls.*

Box 3, No 67 (3). [1307.] Talliagio assiso pro aduentu domini Regis extra Scotiam uersus Parleamentum Northampton' a. r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi primo : et pro aduentu domini Comitis per sacramentum Willelmi de Lindrych [and 13 others].

wool whether it pleased him. The said brother too of the aforesaid Master of Beaumont took that wool to the house of Tho. the turner in Leicester and there it was weighed and sold : and so he is convicted : afterwards he put himself in the mercy of the Mayor and of all the community, and found pledges, Godfrey of Louvain and Will. the Fleming : and because Rob. of Whatton made law similarly with the said Thomas, he put himself under the rule of the Mayor and of the community, and Will. of Willoughby and Godfrey of Louvain being found as pledges, the aforesaid Godfrey, for offering the said oath, put himself in the mercy of the Mayor and community.

John of Willoughby charged by the Mayor because he bought wool and sold it to all men, against the Gild, for that he was not in the Gild : who confessed and pledged mercy for the act.

Roll of John Cagg 35 Ed. I. with the roll of tallage for 34 Ed. I.... And for a dyery (?) sold to Will. the Walker¹ 6s.

LXXVII. For tallage assessed for the coming of the Lord King out of Scotland to the Northampton Parliament² 1 Ed. II. and for the coming of the Lord Earl, by the oath of Will. of Lindrick (and others).

¹ Or fuller.

² Oct. 13, 1307.

[Divided into two parts, apparently East and West; the first list has 148 names, with one fine for default in mill measures; total £9. 15s. 11d.; the second, 131 names, the sum not added. The payments are much corrected. The list is closely similar to that of 34 Ed. I. (LXXV.)]

[Box. 3, No. 87 (1). Date uncertain. The statement on the purpose of the tallage is defaced by a brown stain; the words "pro domino comite" are legible. The total is given as £34. 19s. 6d., the sums £9. 9s. 1d., £8. 16s. 4d., £16. 5s. 11d. having been noted apparently for the divisions of the town. The number of persons contributing to each group is 120, 122, 141, or 383 in all; but part may be wanting. Among the names "le Melemaker" occurs.

(2). A list of payments, amounting to £11. 6s. 0d., and on the verso some notes on payments made therefrom and of debts still owing. One of the payments is to Will. Folebarbe for work on the cross.]

Box 3, No. 87 (4) r^o. [1307.] Talliagium assisum pro antiquis dominicis tempore Johannis Cagge maioris a. r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi secundo, per sacramentum Willelmi de Lindrich, Will. de Scharn(ford) et aliorum Juratorum.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Sim. Glide	2	0	Will. Cochet	3	0	Hen. Schakelock		6
Walt. de Montsorel	2	0	Rob. Sire	1	0	Abraham de Euen-		
Hen. de Thornton	4	0	Tho. de Barkeby	1	0	ton	2	0
Nic. le Barker			Tho. de Markefeld	1	0	Will. Dode	4	0
quondam serui-			Will. de Waltham	6		Will. de Keworth		6
ens R. Geryn	6		Ric. Kyneua ⁵	1	0	Hen. Power	3	0
Hug. de Montsor-			Reg. Fox	6		Will. Row	2	0
ello	3	0	Hug. le Furner ⁶	6		Ric. de Craunford	4	0
Joh. de Donyngton	6		Rog. Wythenese ⁷	6		Will. de Bracina	2	0
Galf. de Thornton	3	0	Hug. le Oillema-			Rob. le Schereman		6
Will. de Onleph ¹	6		kere	6		Rob. de Whatton		6
Nic. le Keu ²	6		Joh. Black	6		Will. de Bradegate		6
Margeria de Kereby	6		De Ric. de Houghthon	6		Rog. fil. Gilberti	1	0
Tho. Kelyng	2	0	Galf. le Keu	2	0	Margeria de Melton		6
Joh. de Onlep ¹	6		Hug. de Croxton	6		Hen. de Frolles-		
Alicia Flemyng	1	0	Poney de Lidyng-			worth		6
Will. de Neubolt	6		ton	6		Ric. de Sileby	5	0
Rob. de Ston ³	6		Joh. de Assheby	6		Steph. Gyffard	3	0
Rob. de Swepston	2	0	Nic. le Northerne	6		Will. de Scheyle ⁸	1	0
Hug. de Skettyng-			Rob. de Dende	6		Joh. de Boxworth	2	0
ton ⁴	1	0	Rob. Geryn	24	0	Will. (Fo)lebarbe	1	0

Tallage assessed for ancient demesnes⁹ in the time of John Cagg, Mayor, 2 Ed. II., by the oath of Will. of Lindrick, Will. of Sharnford, and other Jurats.

¹ Wanlip.

² The cook.

³ Perhaps Stonton Wyville. Canon Stocks tells me that near Market Harborough villagers abbreviate place-names thus, using Shang and Lang for Shanton and Langton.

⁴ For Skeffington.

⁵ O. E. Cyngifu, fem.

⁶ Baker.

⁷ ? White nose.

⁸ Seale.

⁹ The towns and ancient demesnes paid a fifteenth of moveables to the aid granted at the Northampton Parliament. On "ancient demesnes" see Pollock and Maitland, i. 366-8.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Matilda G(egge)	4	0	Joh. le Ledbetere	6		Hug. de Gaddesby	1	0
Amicia Mus(tar-			Will. Walschewan	6		Joh. de Melton		6
der)	6		Ric. Parser	1	0	Joh. de Stok(ton)		6
Rob. de Gouteby ¹	2	0	Joh. le Blake	3	4	Rad. Cokenbred	8	0
Rad. de Boterwyk	2	6	Will. de Grantham			Rob. de Billesdon	1	0
Will. de Berliston	6		le Tauerner	6		Matilda Mauueys	1	0
Will. Skyne	1	0	Rob. de Dalby	6		Joh. de Stocton	2	0
Joh. de Thurmes-			Will. Chyrey	5	0	Rad. Saunne		6
ton	6		Joh. de Stapelton	6	8	Hen. le Netherde		6
Godefrid. de Lo-			Sim. Kelyng	6		Nic. Caritas	2	0
uena	3	0	Will. de Scharn-			Petronilla Glyde	15	0
Isolda de Wykyng-			(ford)	3	0	Relicta Dauyd de		
ston	6					Kent	2	0
Tho. de Wyluby	6	8	<i>Mortua Venella</i> ⁴			Rob. le Porter	1	0
Will. de Rodyngton	4	0	De Will. Pestel	6		Ric. de Tikehull	1	6
Rad. Norman	36	8	Will. Holegate	1	0	Rob. Faucons ⁵	2	0
Hen. le Lyndraper	1	0	Galf. de Markefeld	6		Margeria sub muro	1	0
Bate Gerin	1	6	Will. Vnderwode	6		Joh. de Beby	1	0
Rog. le Belleyetere ²	1	0	Ada Pestel	1	0	Rob. de Beby	1	0
Hug. le Mercer	36	8	Will. de Broughton	3	0	Dauyd le Cupere	1	0
Rob. Leuwys	2	0	Rog. Abraham	3	0	Rob. Beneth		6
Joh. Gunfrey	6		Hen. Dowel	3	6	Nic. de Stouton	5	0
Alan. le Gardener	6		Rob. de Groby	6		Rog. de Barwe	1	0
Alicia de Groby	4	0				Walt. fil. Alani		6
Will. de Lindrych	5	0	<i>vo Porta Orientalis</i>			Ric. Thurstan	1	0
Joh. le Marwe	13	4	De Will. de Rolle-			Will. de Mountsorel		6
Felicia de Stanton	6		ston	6		Will. de le Wayn-		
Hug. Spurnetur-			Will. de Brande-			hous	30	0
teys	6		ston	6	8	Rog. le Hore ⁶	2	0
Will. Gouk	6		Joh. Norman	2	0	Matilda Gent	1	0
Ric. Ace	2	0	Will. de Thornton	1	0	Rob. de Holewell		6
Will. Neel	1	0	Rob. le Kellere	1	0	Hug. de Brande-		
Will. de Wyluby et			Ric. de Weldon	6		ston	1	0
W. filius eius in			Ric. Cagge	36	8	Will. Bonenfant ⁷	2	6
legze ³	40	0	Will. le Porter	4	0	Rob. Hose	33	4
Nic. de Burton	2	0	Will. le Keer	4	0	Amicia de Rothele	1	0
Rog. de Assheby			Ric. le Porter	6		Isabella de Somer-		
et H. de Peyth-			Rob. de Stapenhull	1	0	deby	2	0
lyngg ⁷	6	0	Rog. de Greitham	1	6	Rog. Dolleman	1	0
Will. Bate	1	6	Joh. Caritas	1	6	Relicta Willelmi		
Edytha relictia Jo-			Joh. de Derby	6	8	Morker	2	0
hannis de Bur-			Hen. de Assheby	3	0	Ric. Kelyng	2	0
ton	3	0	Joh. Mustreuile	6		Rog. de Brandeston	1	0
			Rob. de Stocton	5	0			

¹ With the note "allocatus est ei pro labore."² Bell-founder.³ ? Son-in-law.⁴ Dead lane in St Peter's parish.⁵ Elsewhere Faukys.⁶ The hoary.⁷ Goodchild.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Ric. Power	1	6	Will. de Kibworth		6	Hen. Sabyn	2	0			
Joh. de Sallowe	1	0	Sim. de Boteleria	2	0	Joh. de					
Joh. de Lidyngton	4	0	Will. Pake-			Frame-					
Joh. le Bacstere		6	man	1	0 non hic	lyngham		6 non hic			
Nic. de Aluerton	1	0	Bart. de Knygthon		6	Joh. de Ingwardes-					
Hen. de Busseby	18	0	Will. de			by		6			
Will. de Clipston		6	Thorp		6 non hic						
Ric. de Clipston		6	Will. le			<i>Nomina collectorum.</i>					
Ric. de Houby	18	0	Furker		6 „ „	Hug. de Sketty(nton)					
Joh. Jurdon		6	Will. le			Joh. de Gouteby					
Rad. de Burton	1	0	Longg de			Rob. de Holewell					
Rog. le Trottere	2	0	Sutton	2	0 „ „	Rog. le Porter					
Nic. le Seeler		6	Tho. de			Will. de Thurm(aston)					
Galf. le Mareschal		6	Petto ¹	2	0 „ „						

LXXVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 110. [1307-8.] Compotus Laurencii le Seeler Maioris Leycestrie de omnibus receptis suis tam de finibus et tauris et transgressionibus quam de expensis factis per eundem a festo S. Mic(haelis) a. r. r. Edwardi filii regis Edwardi primo vsque idem festum S. Michaelis proximo sequens. [List of 33 names, with sums paid for the bull and gild-fines (one "in the time of John Cagge"). Summa *vli. xvs. viiijd.*

Idem reddit compotum de *xxs.* receptis de talliagio assiso tempore Rogeri de Wyluby per manum Willelmi Morker et sociorum [suorum] per i talliam. Et de *xs.* receptis per manum Radulfi Cokynbred de eodem talliagio sine tallia. Summa *xxxs.*

Idem reddit compotum de *xli. xs.* receptis per manum Johannis le Marwe et sociorum suorum collectorum talliagii assisi tempore dicti Laurencii maioris pro exhennio Domino Regi, et aliis negociis

LXXVIII. Account of Laurence le Seeler, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts both of fines and bulls and trespasses and of expenses paid by him from Michaelmas 1 Ed. II. to the Michaelmas next ensuing.—Total £5. 15s. 8d. He renders account of £1 received from tallage assessed in the time of Roger of Willoughby by the hand of Will. Morker and his fellows, by one tally. And of 10s. received by the hand of Ralph Cokinbred for the same tallage without tally.—Total £1. 10s.

He renders account of £10. 10s. received by the hand of John le Marwe and his fellow-collectors of tallage assessed in the time of the said Laurence the Mayor, for a present to the lord King, and for other business

¹ Peito = Poitou.

communitatem tangentibus per i talliam, [and another]. Summa xix*li*. Et de amerciamentis marescallorum et senescalli domini regis x*li*. xs.¹

Inde expense. Exhennia. Idem reddit compotum in i exhennio misso Elye de Stapelton seneschallo honoris Leycestrie [Oct. 3, 1307, bread 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, wine 1*s.* 8*d.*]. Item in vno exhennio misso domino Stephano de Segraue et consilio domini Comitis [Oct. 18, the same].

[Mar. 12, 1308 to Sir Elias wine 1*s.* 4*d.*, and Ap. 13, 2 gallons of wine. Again, bread 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, 4 gallons of wine 2*s.* On Whitsun Eve 3 gallons 1*s.* 6*d.* To Michael of Melton June 12, bread, and wine 2*s.* and July 30, wine 2*s.*]

In i exhennio misso domino G. de Segraue in ingressu suo in ballia sua [bread 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, 6 gallons of wine 3*s.*]. Item misso senescallo die martis proxima post festum translacionis beati Thome martiris iiii lagene vini precio iis. Item in i exhennio misso domino J. de Kynardesseye in crastino S. Dunstani [bread, wine]. [And again] quando venit ad recipiendum ex mutuo c*cl*i. [Similar payments Sep. 4, 5, 6, 21. Total £1. 13*s.* 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*]

Exhennio domino Regi misso. Idem computat in i exhennio domino Regi misso in primo aduentu suo de Scocia in pane xs. In i dolio vini de H. le Mercer... In ii carcosiis boum xxs... in ceruisia ad castellum... iiii corbellis xxid... ad i par sotularum vid. [Other items much defaced and illegible, total £10. 14*s.* 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*]

v^o. [Account of Laur. le Seller, Mayor, 1 Ed. II. Expenses of the Lord King's Marshals. Oct. 8, 1307.] In pane vid. In grossis

touching the community, by one tally...—Total £19. And of the amercements of the Marshals and of the lord King's steward £10. 10*s.*

Expenses therefrom. Presents. He renders account for one present sent to Elias of Stapleton, steward of the Honour of Leicester...; in a present sent to Sir Stephen of Seagrave and the council of the lord Earl... In a present sent to Sir G. of Seagrave on his entry into his bailiwick... Sent to the Steward on Tuesday next after the feast of the translation of the Blessed Thomas the Martyr (July 9) 4 gallons of wine, price 2*s.* In a present sent to Sir John of Kinnardsey on the morrow of St Dunstan... and when he came to receive £200 on loan.

For the present sent to the lord King. He counts in a present sent to the lord King on his first coming from Scotland, in bread 10*s.* In one tun of wine from H. the Mercer... In 2 carcasses of beef 20*s.*... in beer for the castle... for 4 baskets 1*s.* 9*d.*, for 1 one pair of shoes 6*d.*...

In bread 6*d.* In large meat 1*s.* 2*d.* In one capon 4*d.* In candles 2*d.*

¹ Where there is only one entry in the line the clerk writes "Summa patet."

carnibus xiiid. In i capone iiiid. In candelis iid. In croco id. In galingale vid. In feno pro x equis de Alicia de Groby xvd. [Oct. 10, bread, wine, beer 2s. 8d.] In grossis carnibus de Ada Pestel iiis. ix d. In vi gallinis emptis per H. Le Mercer viiid. In iiiii gallinis emptis de Willelmo de Lutterworth viid. In ii aucis emptis de Margareta de Melton viiid. In ouis id. In croco et pipere de Waltero le Virly iiiid. In puluere zinzibero et salsiamento de Willelmo de Scheyle viiid. In alea et sepis de Hauwysia Row id. ob. In candelis iid. In carbone empto de Johanne de Grescot iiiid. In iii pestell' porci emptis de Alicia de Groby iiiid. Item Thome de Eboraco pro emendacione harnessii iis. vid. In surzenglis et girtis de Henrico de Peythlyngg' et in i capistro xviiid. In litera empta xiiid. In feno pro vii equis xd. ob. In i quarterio ii estreccis auenarum ad prebendum equorum iis. vid. In focali xiid. In candelis iid. In ferrura equorum ix d. Item datum iiiii garcionibus dictorum marescallorum iis. In i bussello frumenti empto pro mensuris mensurandis xiiid. Item clericis marescalli domini Regis cs. Item datum cuidam mensuranti mensuras apud Lutterworth iis. Item Elye de Stapelton seneschallo pro salario suo xxvis. viiid. Item Waltero de Bredon pro eodem et pro expensis Decenne apud Lutterworth xiiis. iiiid. Item Henrico le Mercer pro expensis Seneschalli et aliorum de inquisitione apud Lutterworth quando venierant domi [bread 5d.,

In saffron 1d. In galingale¹ 6d. In hay for 10 horses from Alice of Groby 1s. 3d.... In large meat from Adam Pestel 3s. 9d. In 6 hens bought by H. the Mercer. In 4 hens bought from Will. of Lutterworth 7d. In 2 geese bought from Margaret of Melton 8d. In eggs 1d. In saffron and pepper from Walter le Virly 3d. In ginger-powder and condiment from Will. of Seale 8d. In garlic and onions from Hawisia Row 1½d. In candles 2d. In coal bought from John of Grescote 4d. In 3 legs² of pork bought from Alice of Groby 3d. To Thomas of York for mending armour 2s. 6d. In surcingles and girths from Henry of Peatling and in 1 halter 1s. 6d. In litter bought 1s. 1d. In hay for 7 horses 10½d. In 1 quarter, 2 strikes of oats for horseprovender 2s. 6d. In fuel 1s. In candles 2d. In shoeing of horses 9d. Given to four grooms of the said marshals 2s. In 1 bushel of wheat bought for measuring measures 1s. To the clerks of the lord King's Marshal £5. Given to a certain measurer of measures at Lutterworth 2s.; to Elias of Stapleton the Steward, for his salary £1. 6s. 8d.; to Walter of Breedon for the same and for expenses of the tithing at Lutterworth, 13s. 4d. To Henry the Mercer for the expenses of the Steward and others on the inquest at Lutter-

¹ A spice, made from the root of the rush called English galingale, *Cyperus longus*.

² Cf. Riley, *Memorial*, p. 312. Also *Prompt. Parv.* "a pestel of flesche."

wine 3s. 3*d.*], in coquina iis. *vid.*, in fructu iid. In candelis iiid. In speceris de Willelmo Folebarbe *xd.* Summa viiili. xviiis. ix*d.*

[Oct. 12, 1307. Present to the Earl, bread 4*s.*, 1 tun (dolium) of wine £4., 1 carcase of beef 10*s.*, 2 of pork, 6*s.* To the Earl's usher (hostiarius) 1*s.*, his butler (pincerna) 1*s.*, his messenger 1*s.*] Item in i exhennio misso domino comiti in aduentu suo ad habendum ex mutuo de communitate cc libras. In speceriis iis. iiid. In ii sixteriis vini iiis.

[To the same Mar. 5, 1308, bread 2*s.*, 3 sextaries of wine 6*s.*; April 17, 6 gallons of wine 3*s.*, and to the Earl's household 3, 1*s.* 6*d.* To the Earl Oct. 13, 1307, when he went to parliament at Northampton, bread 1½*d.*, wine 4*s.*; to the Earl's groom for his palfrey, 1*d.*; 1 pair of hose (calige) 1*s.* Total £6. 8*s.* 10½*d.*]

Dona et liberata. In donis datis ad castellum quando mutuate fuerunt domino comiti ccli. scilicet ii ministrallis Thesaurarii xiid. Item Henrico le Chaundeler *vid.* Item garcioni Thesaurarii *vid.* Item in v pokettis *vid.* Item cuidam nuncio domine comitisse qui gessit noua quod ipsa fuit pregnans xiid. Item ii curratoribus domini Regis alia vice iid. Item ii Cokynnis de Scaccario iid. Item cuidam nuncio domini comitis *vid.* Summa iiis. iiid.

Idem computat liberatos Ricardo de Donygton pro feodo suo xiiis. iiid. Et Rogero de Stowe clerico dim. marc. Et Thome Ernald pro seruicio suo dim. marc. Item Nicholao Payn de Kelyngworthe pro salario suo per ii dies pro placito Willelmi le palmer et magistri Galfridi de Ayleston contra communitatem xiiis. iiid. Item Radulfo de Caddesby Narratori pro eodem dim.

worth when they had come home,...in cooking 2*s.* 6*d.*, in fruit 2*d.* In candles 4*d.* In spices from Will. Folebarbe, 10*d.*—Total £8. 18*s.* 9*d.*

In a present sent to the lord Earl on his coming to have £200 on loan from the community. In spices 3*s.* 4*d.*; in two sextaries of wine 4*s.*

Gifts and payments. In gifts given at the castle when the £200 were lent to the lord Earl, to wit to two of the Treasurer's minstrels 1*s.*; to Henry the Chandler 6*d.* To the treasurer's groom 6*d.* In 5 pockets 6*d.* To a certain messenger of the lady Countess who brought the news that she was pregnant 1*s.* To two runners of the lord King another time 2*d.* To two cockins from the Exchequer. To a certain messenger from the lord Earl 6*d.*—Total 4*s.* 4*d.*

He counts paid to Ric. of Donington for his fee 13*s.* 4*d.* And to Roger of Stow, clerk, 6*s.* 8*d.* And to Tho. Ernald for his service 6*s.* 8*d.* To Nic. Pain of Kilworth for his salary during 2 days for Will. the Palmer and Master Geoffrey of Ayleston's plea against the community¹ 13*s.* 4*d.* To Ralph of

¹ See below, p. 263.

marc. In expensis eorundem diuisim per ii dies, xviii*d*. Item Rogero clerico per assignationem Willelmi de Lyndrych et Ricardi Cagge et sociorum suorum assisand' talliagium pro labore suo iiis. Summa lis. ii*d*.

Minute expense. Item in vno exhennio misso domino Ricardo de Eggebaston et Roberto de Herle taxatoribus xx^{mi} denarii die martis proxima ante festum purificationis beate Marie [bread 3¼*d*., wine 1*s*. 4*d*., beer 4*d*.]. Item eodem die taxatoribus xx^{mi} denarii de villa Leycestrie [beer 6*d*.]. Item die martis sequente eisdem ad gentaculum [bread 3¾*d*., beer 4*d*.]. In viii gallinis furnatis in pane xx*d*. In ceruisia eisdem data eodem die post prandium [and again, to the same, bread, wine, beer with half a doe (cum medietate vnius Dame)].

In expensis Rogeri clerici et Thome Ernald per ix dies dum fuerunt circa ccli. leuand' ad opus domini comitis mutuand', iis. iii*d*. In ii paribus sotularum eisdem datis xii*d*. Item in i gentaculo dato receptori et aliis de familia domini ad tabernam Henrici le Mercer x*v**d*. ob. q^a. die martis prox. post festum S. Gregorii. Item datas Waltero de Bredon et aliis de familia domini in taberna Simonis de Boteleria, ii lag'. et dim. vini pro xx*d*. Item in expensis seneschalli et receptoris et aliorum de familia domini ad tabernam dicti Simonis [bread 3*d*., 6 gallons of wine 3*s*.]. In grossis carnibus iiiii*d*. In ii caponibus v*d*. In i auca et i spatula multonis v*d*. In iiiii pulcinis

Gaddesby, advocate, for the same 6*s*. 8*d*. For their expenses separately during two days 1*s*. 6*d*. To Roger the clerk by the assessment of Will. of Lindrick and Ric. Cagge and their fellows assessing tallage, for his labour, 3*s*.—Total £2. 11*s*. 2*d*.

Small expenses. In a present sent to Sir Ric. of Edgbaston and Robert of Harley, assessors of the twentieth penny, on Tuesday next before Candlemas (Jan. 30)... On the same day to the assessors of the twentieth penny from the town of Leicester... On Tuesday following (Feb. 6) at the feast...in 8 hens baked in bread 1*s*. 8*d*. In beer given to them on that day after dinner.

In the expenses of Roger the clerk and Tho. Ernald¹ during nine days when they were about the raising of £200 for the use of the lord Earl as a loan, 2*s*. 3*d*. In 2 pair of shoes given to the same 1*s*. In a feast given to the Receiver and others of the Earl's household at Henry the Mercer's tavern, 1*s*. 3¾*d*., on Tuesday next after the feast of St Gregory. Given to Walter of Breedon and others of the Earl's household in Simon of the Buttery's tavern, 2½ gallons of wine for 1*s*. 8*d*. In expenses of the Steward and Receiver and others of the Earl's household at the said Simon's tavern. In big meat 4*d*., in 2 capons 5*d*., in 1 goose and 1 shoulder of mutton 5*d*. In 4 chickens 4*d*.

¹ Town-serjeant.

iiiid. Item cuidam qui gessit cc marcas soluendas communitati
 iiis. iiiid. In percameno vid. Summa xxis. viiid.

Custos pontis borealis. In stipendio cuiusdam cementarii pro emendacione i arche pontis borealis in septimana qua accidebat festum annunciacionis beate marie et ii operariis auxiliantibus ipsum per iiii dies, iis. Item die sabbati sequente eidem cementario pro stipendio iiiid. Item cuidam auxilianti eidem eodem die ob. q^a. In sablone iid. In ii quarteriis calcis xd. Item eidem cementario in septimana proxima ante Pascha floridum pro stipendio xviiiid. Item cuidam seruienti (auxilianti) eidem viiid. ob. Item in i quarterio calcis vd. Summa vs. xid. q^a.

Debita soluta. Item Hugoni le Mercer de Debito Johannis Cagge maioris xxvs. [Conclusion covered by a strip of paper gummed on.]

LXXIX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 22 (2). r^o. Rotulus¹ Laurencii le Seeler maioris Leycestrie a. r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi primo.

[Nov. 17, 1307.] Placita Gilde Mercandise die Veneris in festo S. Hugonis² anno supradicto.

Will. Walschman aculpatus per maiorem quod ipse duxit quemdam extraneum de Northampton in patriam ad emendam lanam contra Gildam suam (etc.).

To one who brought 200 marks to be paid to the community, 3s. 4d. In parchment 6d. Total £1. 1s. 8d.

Keeper of the North Bridge. In the wage of a certain mason for mending an arch of the North Bridge in the week in which Lady Day fell, and for two workmen helping him for four days, 2s. On the Saturday following to the same mason for wages 3d. To one helping him on that day $\frac{3}{4}$ d. In sand 2d.; 2 quarters of lime 10d. To the same mason in the week next before Palm Sunday for wages 1s. 6d. To a certain servant helping him 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. In one quarter of lime 5d.—Total 5s. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Debts paid. To Hugh the Mercer of the debt of John Cagge, Mayor, £1. 5s.

LXXIX. Roll of Laurence le Seeler, Mayor of Leicester 1 Ed. II.

Pleas of the Merchant Gild on Friday the feast of St Hugh in the said year.

Will. Welshman charged by the Mayor that he led a certain stranger from Northampton into the country to buy wool against his Gild... Hugh of

¹ Much defaced.

² Probably the second feast of Hugh of Lincoln.

[Oct. 27, 3 entries, Nov. 3, 4, Nov. 10, 2, Nov. 17, 1; Feb. 15, 1308, plea of illegal trade association, an entry, Mar. 8, 6 entries, two pleas of illegal trade association, Mar. 29, 5 entries.]

Hugo de Mountsorrel (?) aculpatus fuit per maiorem eo quod lauit pelles bidentum et fecit (torn) suo contra Gildam (etc.). Inuenit plegios: Will. le (P)almer et (a blank space) sedente maiore.

[v^e.] Rotulus Laurencii (le Seler). [Payments for gild and bulls.] Summa *vli. xvs. viiid.* [1 entry and plea.]¹ Will. le Paumer aculpatus per maiorem eo quod [contra sacramentum suum ubi debuit fouisse libertatem Gilde]² sequebatur cum magistro Galfrido de Ayleston ad conuincend' iuratores istius curie, excepto ipso Willelmo solo, de falso iudicio [in quodam placito debiti inter dictum G. et W. Baudewyn]² qui venit (illegible). (Pledges.)

LXXX. Mayor's Account.

Box 5, No. 119. [1309-10.] Compotus Johannis Alsii maioris Leicestrie de omnibus receptis suis, misis et expensis a festo S. Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi tertio usque ad idem festum a. r. r. Edwardi quarto.

Recepta. Idem respondet de *iiiiis.* receptis per manus Thome Ernald de redditu quatuor seldarum sub solario aule. Et de *xxli. xxd.*³ receptis de Willelmo de Scheill' receptore de denariis gilde,

Mountsorrel was accused by the Mayor because he washed sheepskins and made...against the Gild. He found pledges, Will. the Palmer and...the Mayor sitting.

Roll of Laurence the Seler...Total £5. 15s. 8d...

Will. the Palmer charged by the Mayor because against his oath whereby he ought to have cherished the liberty of the Gild, he sued with Master Geoffrey of Aylestone⁴ to convict the Jurats of this court (excepting only William himself) of false judgment in a certain plea of debt between the said Geoffrey and Will. Baldwin; who came etc.

LXXX. Account of John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts, charges and expenses from Michaelmas 3 Ed. II. to Michaelmas 4 Ed. II.

Receipts. He answers for 4s. received by the hand of Tho. Ernald⁵ for the rent of four shops under the solar of the hall⁶. And of £20. 1s. 8d. received from Will. of Seale, Receiver of the pence of the Gild, for bulls and

¹ Thompson has noted here that the number of enrolments is 23, of meetings 8, of pleas heard 7.

² Written above the line.

³ Added later, and not put in the total.

⁴ See p. 260.

⁵ Town-serjeant.

⁶ The Gildhall.

tauris, transgressionibus et de diuersis tallagiis per unam talliam ut patet in rotulo gilde. Summa *xxli. vs. viiij.*

Expense inde. Exhennium. Idem computat in vno exhennio misso Elie de Stapilton in crastino S. Michaelis (bread $6\frac{1}{2}d.$, wine *1s.*, beer *6d.*)—*iis. ob.*

Marescallo. Idem computat in expensis Ricardi de Cornewaill marescallo domini Regis [Oct. 12] [bread *1s.*, 3 gallons of wine *1s. 6d.*, beer *1s. 3d.*] in allec', *stocfiss*, et alia de W. Scote *viiiij.*; in anguillis *vd.*, in amigdalibus *iiiiij.*, in oua (*sic*) *id. q^a.*, in butiro *id. ob.*, in pomis et nocis (*sic*) *iiiiij.*, in dim. lib. de *blanchepoudre* et *draget'* de W. de Scheil *xiiij.*, in feno de Sim. le barber *1s. vid.*, in litera ad idem *xij. ob.*, in ii libris candelarum *iiiiij. ob.*, in carbone *vid.*, in pane pro canibus *iij.*—*xs. ob. q^a.*

Marescallo. In crastino ad domum senescalli in pane *iiis. iij.* empto de Hawysia uidua, in vino ii cestris et una lagena, precio *iiiiis. vid.*; in ceruisia *iis.*, in allece *iis.*, in *stocfiss* *xiiij.*, in iii *laumpreys* *iis.*, in *galentin'* et *vertejaus* *iiiiij.*, in anguillis *iiiiis. iiiij.*, in *iiii* lib. amigdelarum et ii lib. de *Rys* *xd.*, in i quartrona de *sukre* *vd.*, in pipere, croco et cumino *iiiiij.*, in dim. lib. de *blanchepoudre* et *draget'* de W. Folebarbe *xiiij.*, in busca *id.*, in feno *iiiiij. ob.*, in auenis *xvd.* de S. Barber; in litera pro equis de A. de Grobi *iiiiij.*, in ferruris equorum *iiiiij.*, in emendacione vnius freni *iij.*, in cingulis emptis *viiiij.*—*xxiiiiis. xd. ob.*

trespases, and of divers tallages by a tally, as appears in the roll of the Gild. Total $\pounds 20. 5s. 8d.$

Expenses therefrom. Present. He counts in a gift sent to Elias of Stapleton on the morrow of Michaelmas... *2s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}d.$*

To the Marshal. He counts in the expenses of Richard of Cornwall, the King's Marshal... in herring, stockfish and garlic from Will. Scot, *8d.*, in eels *5d.*, in almonds *4d.*, in eggs $1\frac{1}{4}d.$, in butter $1\frac{1}{2}d.$, in apples and nuts *3d.*; in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of white powder and draget from Will. of Seale, *1s.*; in hay from Simon the Barber *1s. 6d.*, in litter for the same $11\frac{1}{2}d.$; in 2 lb. of candles $3\frac{1}{2}d.$; in coal *6d.*, in bread for the dogs *2d.*—*10s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}d.$*

To the Marshal. On the morrow at the steward's house in bread *3s. 2d.*, bought of Hawisia the widow, in wine, 2 sesters and a gallon, price *4s. 6d.*, in beer *2s.*, in herrings *2s.*, in stockfish *1s.*, in 3 lampreys *2s.*, in galingale and verjuice *3d.*, in eels *4s. 4d.*, in 4 lb. of almonds, and 2 lb. of rice *10d.*, in 1 quarter of sugar *5d.*, in pepper, saffron and cumin *3d.*, in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of white powder and draget from Will. Folebarbe *1s.*, in brushwood *1d.*, in hay $4\frac{1}{2}d.$, in oats *1s. 3d.*, from Simon Barber; in litter for horses from A. of Groby, *3d.*; in the shoeing of horses *4d.*, in mending a rein *2d.*, in cingles bought *8d.*— $\pounds 1. 4s. 10\frac{1}{2}d.$

Item in feno marescallo xls. Item clerico suo vis. viiid., et i pare caligarum precio xiiid. Item iiii armigeris suis iiis., et iiii paribus caligarum precio iiis. Et iii gacionibus suis xiiid.—lvis. viiid.

Item Willelmo de Weldon submarescallo et socio suo pro fauore habendo, ii paribus caligarum precio iis. (2 gallons of wine, 1s., their grooms, 4d.). Item Edmundo Clamatori pro feodo suo iis. Item Elie de Stapilton pro auxilio habendo versus marescallum in fine faciendo, i pare caligarum pro xvid. Item Rogero de Pikering pro seruicio suo eunti apud Lughteburg, i pare caligarum precio xvid.—viiis. Summa totalis mareschallo cs. xixd. ob. q^a.

Exhennium. Item in vno exhennio misso Regine [Oct. 9, 1309, bread 13s. 4d., 1 tun of wine £4, 2 carcasses of beef £1, 3 pigs 10s.] in iii corbellis reemptis de Panetria viiid.—vili. iiis.

Item xii armigeris venientibus cum Regina xiis. Et pistori Regis venientis cum Regina i lagena vini precio vid.—xiis. vid.

[Dec. 5, to Elias of Stapleton, bread 5½d., 2 gallons of wine 1s., and to Edmund the Crier, Nov. 25, 2s. for his fee. Total £6. 19s. 11½d.]

Dec. 24 to the Earl, bread 15s., one tun of wine £5, 3 carcasses of beef, £1. 12s., 5 pigs 17s. 4d., carrying them as far as the castle, 5½d. Total £8. 4s. 9½d.]

Item in viii pare (*sic*) caligarum datis ad natale, videlicet Galfrido de Walccote, magistro coco, marescallo aule, candelario, Wajiaro¹, Paneterio, Butilero et Janitori, viis. viiid., videlicet ii pare (*sic*) pro iis. viiid. et vi paria precio vis.—Summa viis. et viiid.

In hay for the marshall £2. To his clerk 6s. 8d., and for one pair of hose, price 1s. To his four esquires 4s., and for four pair of hose, price 4s., and for his three grooms 1s.—£2. 16s. 8d.

To Will. of Weldon under-marshall and to his fellow for having favour, two pair of hose price 2s.... To Edmund the crier for his fee 2s. To Elias of Stapleton for having help against the Marshal, in making the fine, one pair of hose for 1s. 4d. To Roger of Pickering for his service going to Loughborough, 1 pair of hose price 1s. 4d.—8s. Sum total to the Marshal £5. 1s. 7¾d.

Gift. In a gift sent to the Queen...in 3 baskets bought back from the pantry, 8d.—£6. 4s.

To twelve esquires coming with the Queen 12s. And to the King's baker coming with the Queen, 1 gallon of wine, price 6d.—12s. 6d.

In 8 pair of hose given at Christmas, to wit to Geoff. of Walcote, the master cook, the Marshal of the Hall, the chandler, the courier, the pantler, the butler and the porter, 8s. 8d., to wit 2 pair for 2s. 8d., and 6 pairs price 6s.—Total 8s. 8d.

¹ The scribe uses the initial I for j, as in vertejaus above. ?viager, harbinger, courier.

[Feb. 2, present to Sir Robert de Hoyland, bread $5\frac{1}{2}d.$, 2 gallons of wine $1s. 6d.$, beer $6d.$ Total $2s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.$ ¹ Expenses of Sir John Chandos (Chaundoy), Knight of the Earl, in Stephen Giffard's tavern, bread $1d.$, 5 quarts of wine $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ —Total $8\frac{1}{2}d.$ Present to Gilbert de Swylington, bread $5\frac{1}{2}d.$, wine $1s.$, beer $6d.$ — $1s. 11\frac{1}{2}d.$ Total $£8. 18s. 5d.$]

Nunciis. Item computat datos iiii nunciis de scaccario euntibus uersus Scotiam circa festum omnium sanctorum ad bibendum iiii*d.* Item nuncio comitis Lancastrie ad seldam W. de Appelby iiii*d.* Item carectario Regine ad portam fratrum minorum ad bibendum ii*d.* Item cuidam nuncio uenienti de Wodestoke querenti vicecomitem i*d.* Item alio (*sic*) nuncio portanti breuem domini Regis maiori et coronatoribus ville Leycestrie ii*d.*—xiii*d.*

[To Roger of Glen, Will. Palmer and others, auditors of account in the Gildhall, Tuesday after Midlent, 1 gallon of wine, $6d.$ —

Present to the Earl of Lancaster, July, bread $2s.$, 2 sextaries of wine $4s.$; again, bread $18s.$, 1 tun of wine, price 7 marks, 2 carcasses of beef, $£1. 6s.$, four pigs $18s. 3d.$, in carrying them to the castle $6d.$ — $£7. 16s. 1d.$ (*sic*) and to Nic. of Melton, 2 gallons of wine $1s.$ —Total sum $£8. 4s. 1d.$ (*sic*).

v°. To the King's Marshal, Richard of Cornwall, in August, bread $1s. 4d.$, of wine 6 gallons at $2s. 6d.$, of beer 8 gallons at $1s.$, in large meat $6d.$, 2 geese $7d.$, 2 capons $6d.$, 2 chickens $2d.$, 2 roast hens $3d.$, roast mutton $8d.$, bread for the horses $1s. 8d.$, hay $9d.$, litter $5d.$, 1 lb. candles $2d.$, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. wax $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ — $10s. 9\frac{1}{2}d.$ Again, bread $1s. 6d.$, wine, 5 gallons $2s. 1d.$, beer, 6 gallons $9d.$, large meat $1s. 2d.$, two geese $7d.$, roast mutton $10\frac{1}{2}d.$, bread for horses and dogs $5d.$, two white² cups (alb' ciph') $1d.$, shoeing their horses $7d.$, in halters (capistris) $6d.$, in cingles (singlis) bought $8d.$, in mending a saddle $4d.$, a horse-hide $2s. 6d.$, parchment for their use $1d.$, to a certain carter for carriage of the same $1s.$, in firewood and coal $2d.$ — $13s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.$

To the Marshal for fine $£2$, to his clerk $6s. 8d.$, to four of his esquires (armigeris) $4s.$, to his 4 grooms $2s.$ To Thomas Measurer (mensurario) $1s. 6d.$, and to the same for one strike of wheat $1s.$ To a certain groom leading the Marshal's venison (ducentem venacionem) to Nottingham $6d.$ To Edmund the Crier for his fee $2s. 6d.$ To Robert Clarell and others of the Marshalsea (mareschacia) then at the tavern, $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of wine, $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ To the King's baker and his fellows there, 1 gallon of wine, $5d.$ —Total $£2. 19s. 2\frac{1}{2}d.$ Sum total $£4. 3s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.$ (*sic*).

A present to Elias of Stapleton in September, bread $4\frac{1}{2}d.$, 2 gallons of wine $1s.$ To the clerk of Ric. of Cornwall King's Marshal, 2 gallons $1s.$ Total $2s. 4\frac{1}{2}d.$]

To messengers. He counts given to four messengers from the Exchequer going to Scotland about the feast of all Saints for drink $4d.$ To a messenger of the Earl of Lancaster at Will. of Appleby's booth, $4d.$ To the Queen's carter at the gate of the Friars Minors for drink $2d.$ To a certain messenger coming from Woodstock seeking the sheriff $1d.$ To another messenger carrying the lord King's writ to the Mayor and Coroners of the town of Leicester $2d.$ — $1s. 1d.$

¹ *Sic* for $2s. 5\frac{1}{2}d.$

² Perhaps of white wood. The price is too small for white metal.

Idem computat liberatos Waltero de Bredon et Thome de Thurmeston pro expensis eorum nomine communitatis ad parliamentum apud London pro breui xxvis. vii^{id}. Item liberatos Thome Ernald¹ pro seruicio suo vis. vii^{id}. Item Ade Scapelori Clerico pro seruicio suo vis. vii^{id}. Item eidem Ade pro parcameno vii^{id}.—Summa totalis xls. vii^{id}.

Summa recepti istius compoti xxli. vs. vii^{id}. Summa expense eiusdem xxxvli. xiiis. ob. q^a. Et sic excedunt expense plusquam recepta xvli. viis. iii^{id}. ob. q^a.

LXXXI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 3. (1.) r^o. [1309-10.] Rotulus Johannis Alsī a. r. Edwardi tercio. Placita Gilde.

[Friday, Oct. 17, 1309.] Joh. de Claybroke, qui captus fuit in foro sabbati ci[n]dente sindonem. Et quia non fuit in Gylde, vadiauit communitati xld. Et fecit finem pro vid. et soluit W. de Scheille rectori denariorum communitatis. [Court of the Gild, Fri. Oct. 24: 1 entry. Nov. 15, Saturday, 14 entries.]

Galf. de Thorp qui intrauit Gildam in tempore Johannis Cagge et quia dixit se nasse (*sic*) in uilla Leycestrie fecit finem pro iiis. Et quia conuictum fuit quod pater eius non fuit in Gilda et sic decepit Gildam uadiauit dim. marc. pro fine Gilde (etc.).

He counts paid to Walter of Breedon and Thos. of Thurmaston for their expenses in the name of the community at parliament in London for a writ £1. 6s. 8d. Paid to Tho. Ernald for his service 6s. 8d. To Adam Scapelory, clerk, for his service 6s. 8d. To the same Adam for parchment 8d.—Total £2. 0s. 8d. Sum of the receipt of this account, £20. 5s. 8d. Sum of the expense of the same, £35. 13s. 0³/₄d. And so the expenses exceed the receipts £15. 7s. 4³/₄d.

LXXXI. Roll of John Alsy 3 Ed. II. Pleas of the Gild.

John of Claybrook, who was taken in Saturday market cutting cendal², and because he was not in the Gild, pledged the community 3s. 4d. and made fine for 6d. and paid Will. of Seale Receiver of the community's pence.

Geoff. of Thorpe, who entered the Gild in the time of John Cagge, and because he said he was born in the town of Leicester, made fine for 3s. and because it was proved that his father was not in the Gild and so he deceived the Gild, he pledged 6s. 8d. for fine of the Gild.

¹ Town-serjeant.

² Various explained as thin cloth, thin silk, or thin linen, *Cath. Ang.* p. 329.

[Another similar case Friday, Dec. 12. Simon Skyne charged with keeping company in trade (societatem in mercimonio) with one not in the Gild. He sat between two to purge himself, and they refused to swear with him; convicted, and the reader is directed to the end of W. de Busseby's roll. A list headed "auditors of Roger de Wyluby's roll" has been cut off at the end.]

v^o. [Feb. 6, 1310.] Morenspeche tenta (*sic*) die veneris proxima post festum Purificacionis a. r. r. Edwardi tercio. [11 entries, many pledge 3s. "quia natus in villa." Mar. 6, 1310. 7 entries.]

Godef. de Louan acculpatus quod cum ipse iuratus fuit ducere mercatores extraneos communiter ad domos pauperis et diuitis pro lanis emendis, nulli proten[den]do nec deteriorando set equaliter cum eis mercandisando, sine aliquo munere percipiendo, uel pro ira aliquem negligere, quemadmodum¹ acciderit ut predictum est. Ibi dictus G. perturbauit mercatores suos emere lanam Johannis de Norton, Ricardi Ace et aliorum in contemptu totius communitatis: qui uenit et non potest dedicere; vadiauit emendas maiori et communitati, et inuenit plegios (2) et postea fecit finem pro xld. Et si aliter conuictus fuerit de simili transgressione dabit communitati cs. pro debito². [2 entries.]

(2.) [Mar. 20, 1310, 5 entries. Ap. 10, 1310, 16 entries.]

[v^o.] *Receptio* Willelmi de Scheil receptoris denariorum de finibus Gilde, tauris et transgressionibus et de diuersis tallagiis [Sep. 29, 1309—10]. Summa xvli. xiiis. viiij.

[*Tallage*. From John le Marwe and his fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for the coming of the King out of Scotland, 1 Ed. II., by tally, 10s. And from the same, for the same tallage without tally, 8s. From Will. of Thurmaston,

Morningspeech held on Friday next after Candlemas 3 Ed. II.

Godfrey of Louvain charged that whereas he was sworn to lead strange merchants alike to the houses of the poor man and of the rich to buy wool, favouring and injuring none, but trading equally with them, without taking any reward, or neglecting anyone through malice, it should so have happened as is aforesaid: in that the said G. prevented his merchants buying wool of John of Norton, Ric. Ace and others in contempt of the whole community: who comes and cannot deny; he pledged amends to the Mayor and Community, and found pledges and afterwards made fine for 3s. 4d. And if he should be convicted again of a similar offence he shall give the community £5 as debt.

Receipt of Will. of Seale, Receiver of pence from fines of the Gild, bulls, and trespasses and of diuers tallages—Total £15. 13s. 8d.

¹ Written qm'm.

² In the margin it is noted that he is pardoned with the consent of the whole community.

Elias Skoys and their fellows, collectors of the half of the aforesaid tallage, from arrears of their account of £1. 13s. 1d., 16s. From Ric. of Sileby and his fellows, collectors of a tallage assessed at the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 34 Ed. I. in part payment of £2. 11s. of arrears, £1. 6s. From Ric. Cagge and Will. of the Wainhouse, collectors of a tallage assessed at Easter, 34 Ed. I. in part payment of £1. 16s. 8d. of arrears, £1. From Hugh of Skeffington and his fellows, collectors of a tallage assessed for ancient demesnes, 2 Ed. II. in part payment of 20s. of their arrears, 8s. Total £4. 8s. Sum total £20. 1s. 8d. Whereof he counts paid to John Alsy, mayor, by a tally £20. 1s. 8d.]

LXXXII. *Receiver's Account.*

Box 4, No. 89. [1310-11.] [Receipt of Will. of Seale, Receiver of pence from the fines of the Gild, from bulls and trespasses and divers tallages from Sep. 29, 4¹ Ed. II., to Sep. 29 (5 Ed. II.). List of names and Gild payments, £12. 5s. 6d. Arrears for half of a tallage assessed for the coming of the King from Scotland, first year. Part payment of the arrears of Laur. le Seler's account of £4. 15s. 6³/₄d. Arrears of a tallage in the time of John le Marewe for the coming of the King from Scotland to the parliament of Northampton, 1 Ed. II.—Total £15. 0s. 10d.]

LXXXIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 133. [1310-11.] [Account of John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts, charges and expenses from Sep. 29, 4 Ed. (II.), to Sep. 29, 5 Ed. (II.).

Receipts by the hand of Will. of Foxton² 4s. rent from the shops³; Gild fines and divers tallages, £15. 4s. 10d. Receipt from W. of Seale as above in the Gild roll.

Expenses. Presents to Elias of Stapleton Oct. 13, 1310, after Nov. 1, Jan. 5, 1311, Jan. 20, bread and wine 4s. 11¹/₂d.

To Sir Richard of Cornwall, Jan. 22, bread and wine 1s. 4¹/₂d.; to the Earl, Ap. 3, bread, 3 sesters (cestr') of wine from Stephen Giffard 8s., in pitchers (picher') bought for the same 3d., to the Earl's Marshal and his fellows in the said Stephen's tavern, 1 pottle (potell⁴) at 4d.—14s. 11¹/₂d. Mar. 25, Ap. 20, 1311, to Elias of Stapleton, bread and wine 3s. 4¹/₂d. Total £1. 4s. 8d.

To the Marshal. He counts in the expenses of Ric. of Cornwall, the King's Marshal, Aug. 10, bread, wine and beer; kitchen 9d., litter 8¹/₂d.; hay for four horses 4d., provender, 1 bushel of oats 6¹/₂d., 1 lb. of candles 2d. Aug. 11, bread 1s. 1¹/₂d., wine, 3 gallons at 2s., beer 1s. 2d., a quarter of a carcase of beef 3s., a half carcase of mutton 1s. 1d., 10 cocks, and 7 chickens, 1s. 8d., paste for pies 4d., galingale powder 4d., saffron 3d., baking of pies 4d., oatmeal ¹/₂d., salt ¹/₂d., 1 yard of canvas for an apron (1 *naperoun*) 3d., verjuice (*vergus*) ¹/₂d., firewood 3d., 2 lb. candles 4d., in shoeing of horses 7d., in leather halters (*correis capistris*) 6d., 4 cingles for a sumpter horse 4d., hay for 8 horses 8d., provender, 1 quarter of oats from W. of Seale, 1s. 1d.—19s. 1d.

¹ Over *quarto* is written in another ink *tercio*, but it would seem that *quarto* is correct.

² Serjeant of the town.

³ *Seldae*, the word "shoppe" is also used for them. They are described as under the Solar of the Gildhall.

⁴ 2 quarts, cf. Stevenson's Nottingham, I. 448.

Aug. 12, bread, 4 gallons of wine 2s. 8d., $\frac{1}{2}$ carcase of mutton 10d., pork 6d., 8 hens 1s., paste for pies 4d., baking them 4d., powder 4d., salt for salting (salsand) venison 3d., bread for horses 4d., mending saddles 4d., fire wood 2d.—7s. 9d. Given to Will. of Rockingham, sub-marshal of the King, and to the Queen's baker, wine, 1s. 4d. To Edmund the crier for his fee, 2s.; to Richard of Cornwall's clerk, 2s. To Richard's two esquires 3s. To his cook 6d. And to his two grooms, 6d.—9s. 4d. Total for the Marshal £1. 16s. 2d.

Small Expenses. He counts given to a certain king's messenger coming from Scotland before Midlent 6d. To another from the Exchequer 1d. To a third coming from Scotland to London 2d.—9d.

Paid to Ric. Donnington for the past year, 13s. 4d. To Will. Foxton for his service 6s. 8d., to Adam the clerk for the same 6s. 8d., parchment for Adam 6d. £1. 7s. 2d. Total Receipt £15. 4s. 10d. Total Expense £4. 8s. 9d. The Receipt exceeds the Expense £10. 16s. 1d.]

LXXXIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 28. [1310-11.] [Morningspeech Oct. 23, 1310, 2 pleas of illegal association, 2 bull-fines, 6 entries, and Nov. 13, 1 entry, 1 bull-fine, 1 plea of illegal association, 5 entries. June 29, 1311, 3 bull-fines, 9 entries. Mar. 12, 1 plea, 3 entries.]

vº. [Ap. 16, 1311.] Joh. de Kybburth acculpatus de eo quod denecauit districtionem communi serianti: qui venit et cognovit. [Pledged 20s. to the Mayor and Community. All but 3s. 4d. pardoned at the instance of the whole community. He then entered the Gild and paid as a stranger.]

Preceptum fuit seruienti communitatis distringere Willelmum de Rolleston veniendi in Gildam: qui venit et ipsum distrinxit cum lane (*sic*). Et predictus Will. de Rolleston denecauit ipsum distringi et noluit se iustificare set fecit rescussum. Predictus seruieus communitatis venit et dicit maiori et communitati in plena Gilda quod predictus Will. fecit sibi rescussum. Ideo consideratum est assensu totius communitatis quod nullus de communitate teneat dictum Willelmum in mercimonio ad emendum nec vendendum sub forisfacturam gilde.

LXXXIV. John of Kibworth charged because he refused the distress to the Common Serjeant: he came and confessed.

The Serjeant of the community was ordered to distrain Will. of Rolleston to come into the Gild; he came and he distrained him with wool. And the said Will. of Rolleston refused to be distrained and would not justify himself, but made rescue. The said Serjeant of the community comes and says to the Mayor and community in full Gild that the said Will. made rescue from him. Therefore it is decided by the consent of the whole community that none of the community may keep the said Will. in trade to sell or buy, under forfeiture of the Gild.

Idem Will. attachiatus ad respondendum maiori et communitati de transgressione predicta: venit et vadiauit emendas maiori et communitati. [Pledges; fine 40s., to be paid if he does it again. Pardoned by common consent for 3s. 4d.]

Joh. Blak' acculpatus quod ipse maledixit Collectores tallagii assisi pro ponte Boreali maliuolentibus verbis: qui venit et non potuit dedicere et vadiauit emendas (to the Mayor and Community. Amount given in the margin, 6s. 8d.; pardoned for 3s. 4d., paid in John of Knightcote's roll).

Hugo de Swepston acculpatus quod uxor sua fecit rescussum collectoribus supradictis: qui venit et vadiauit emendas (pardoned at the instance of all the community, in the margin). [A similar charge, fine 1s.]

Hen. de Boseworth acculpatus quod ipse maledixit Simonem Glide inponendo ei quod ipse gravatus fuit super tallagium assisum ponti Boreali qui venit et cognouit. (Fine 1s.)

[3 bull-fines, and 4 entries. A charge against Henry Shakelock that his wife abused the collectors of the North Bridge tallage. Fine 2s.]

Ric. le Rede acculpatus per maiorem quod ipse in foro de Hinkele denecauit Johanni de Couentria clericus (*sic*) partem suam de lane (*sic*) qui fuit ad empcionem predictae lane. (Confessed, fine 3s. 4d.) [One entry.]

Tho. Ernald acculpatus per Maiorem et alios de communitate quod ipse cepit de Ricardo de Lubenham *x*d. in parte solucionis tauri sui, vbi quod dictus Ric. non fecit finem de tauro predicto: ad

The said Will. attached to answer to the Mayor and community for the aforesaid trespass; he came and pledged amends to the Mayor and Community.

John Black charged that he abused the collectors of the tallage assessed for the North Bridge with malignant words, who came and could not deny and pledged amends.

Hugh of Swepstone charged that his wife made rescue from the aforesaid collectors: who came and pledged amends.

Henry of Bosworth charged that he abused Simon Glide, accusing him that he was aggrieved for the tallage assessed for the North Bridge: who came and confessed.

Ric. the Red charged by the Mayor that in Hinckley market he refused John of Coventry, clerk, his share of wool, he being present at the purchase of the said wool.

Tho. Ernald charged by the Mayor and others of the community that he took 10d. from Richard of Lubenham in part payment of his bull, whereas the said Ric. did not make fine for the said bull, to the damage and injury of

dampnum et defectum totius communitatis: qui venit et dicit quod recepit de dicto Ricardo *xd.* ex mutuo¹ et aliter non.

Rob. de Lincoln venit et iuravit quod faceret officium [b]rocuratoris² bene et fideliter, faciendo emptores et venditores iustum ponderare.

Bertrammus de Keworth (and 3 others, partly defaced) fecerunt iuramentum ad paccandam lanam sine³ vllo culpando aut deteriorando. [2 entries.]

Rotulus tempore Johannis Alsby de a. r. r. Edwardi filii Edwardi tercio, quarto et quinto. Ista nomina sunt transcripta.

LXXXV. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 3, No. 67. (1) v^o. [Mar. 1311.] Tallagium assisum in ebdomada medie quadragesime a. r. r. Edwardi VI pro diuersis debitis et pro vno exhennio misso domino Roberto de Holand, videlicet ad xx marcas, per sacramentum Ade le Barkere (and 12 others).

Ric. Osemund	Will. de Wylugby	Rob. Gentil
Tho. Wyneger	Joh. Norman	Galf. de Ayleston
Hugo de Knyghton	Ric. de Tikehill	Will. Palmere
Tho. Thebaud	Will. de Welham	Joh. Chalonner
Tho. Loverd	Hugo Lengleys	Will. Seman
Joh. Bryd	Joh. de Kibworthe	Ric. de Knyghton
Vxor Galfredi Hayward	Hen. de Ilueston	Ric. Waterman
Amicia de Sutton ⁴	Will. Daubeney	Ranulph. Forester
Tho. de Sutton	Nic. Freire	Nic. de Kileburne
Agnes Gounfrey	Will. Black	Will. de Normanton
Will. de Thorp	Joh. de Knyghtcote Junior	Walt. de Busseby
Joh. de Mouseley	Joh. de Coventria	Will. Tulle

all the community: who comes and says that he received *rod.* from the said Ric. on loan, and no otherwise.

Rob. of Lincoln came and swore that he would perform the office of Broker well and faithfully, making buyers and sellers weigh justly.

Bertram of Keyworth (and others) made oath to pack wool without offending or doing damage in any way.

Roll of the time of John Alsby, 3, 4 and 5 Ed. II. These names have been transcribed.

LXXXV. Tallage assessed in the week of Midlent, 6 Ed. II. for divers debts and for a present sent to Sir Robert de Hoyland, that is to say to the amount of 20 marks, by the oath of Adam the Barker (etc.).

¹ MS. *mitio*.

² Parchment damaged.

³ *Sine* repeated.

⁴ Elsewhere given as Relicta Nicholai de Sutton.

Adam Barkere	Will. de Thurm(aston)	Will. de Anlep
Ric. le Rede	clericus	Matilda Gos
Ric. de Anlep	Rad. de Hodingges	Joh. Gounfrey
Nic. Faber	Walt. Mile	Hen. Atte Crosse
Sim. Skyne	Ric. Skot	Rob. de Gouteby
Joh. Catt	Alicia Schaune	Rad. Moubray
Joh. de Gapshull	Ric. Steire	Rob. Curteys
Rad. de Euenton	Walt. Virly	Tho. de Wilugby
Ric. de Minsterton	Joh. Ebroud	Will. Rough
Relicta Petri Lomb	Rog. fil. Gilberti	Godef. de Louaigne
Iueta Adam	Will. de Scheill	Joh. de Thurmasson (<i>sic</i>)
Galf. de Thorp	Will. de Thurm(aston) ³	Alan. de Gissingg
Rog. le Porter	et socius eius	Rob. le Barbour
Will. de Appelby	Hugo le Mercer	Hen. Dowell
Laur. le Seler	Joh. de Claybroke	Ric. de Craunforde
Galf. de Molendino	Laur. de Sileby	Iuo de Abb(atia)
Joh. Galeys	Will. de Kibworth	Will. Tournour
Will. de Southfolk	Rob. Lewys	Agnes de Rodington
Adam de Sileby	Pet. Gardiner	Rad. Norman
Alan. Chirrey	Rog. Merkfeld	Will. de Keworthe
Ric. Amis ¹	Tho. de Scharnford	Will. fil. Gode
Elyas Skoys	Pet. de Thorp	Rob. Abraham
Rad. Grom et frater eius	Sim. Keling	Abraham de Euenton
Elyas le Seler	Will. de Lyndrigh	Hen. Power
Joh. de Stokton	Joh. Marewe	Rog. Belleyetere ⁴
Pet. de Kent	Joh. de Stapilton	Hen. de Carleton
Rob. Keling	Will. Cheney	Rob. Geryn
Will. Walschewan	Joh. Blake	Rob. de Ronde
Joh. de Norton	Ric. Ace	Tho. de Merkfeld
Joh. Ode	Will. Neel	Rob. de Wilugby
Joh. de Scharnford	Rog. de Burton	Tho. de Nichole ⁵
Joh. de Melton	Hen. de Pettling	Rob. Syre
Galf. de Staunton	Ric. Parser	Editha Cochet
Tho. Mikeloue	Leticia Legath	Hug. de Skeftinton
Hen. Fleming	Will. Bate	Nic. de Farndon
Adam de Merghton	Will. Milnere	Rob. de Swepton
Nic. Wodecok	Will. Holegate	Will. de Neubaud
Ric. Keling	Walt. de Houghton	Hen. de Boresworthe
Joh. Preest	Will. de Broughton	Sim. Glyde
Galf. Ridell	Will. Alayn	Tho. Gerin
Will. Coupere ²	Adam Pestell	Hen. de Thornton
Will. de Bellegraue	Will. Underwode	Walt. de Montsorell
Rob. Lorimer	Joh. de Tokeby	Joh. de Sibesdon
Joh. de Ludegate	Will. Pestell	Hugo de Montsorell
Joh. de Gloucestria	Rob. Schereman	Joh. de Donigton
Tho. de York	Margery de Melton	Rob. le Bercher ⁶

¹ Elsewhere Amice.⁴ Bell-founder.² Elsewhere Black.⁵ Lincoln.³ Elsewhere *Sutor*.⁶ Shepherd.

Iveta de Hecham	Symon le Barbour	Tho. Keling
Galf. de Thornton	Joh. Musteruill	Rog. Hore
Alicia le Fleming	Joh. de Beby	Matil. de Burgh
Ric. de Manton	Rob. de Stokton	Ric. de Stretton
Joh. Black	Hugo de Gaddesby	Hugo de Braunceston
Ric. de Houghton	Joh. de Ingwardeby	Rob. Hose
Galf. Cocus	Rad. Cokinbred	Galf. de Sallowe
Hugo de Croxton	Rob. de Billesdon	Amicia de Rothele
Nic. le Northirne	Joh. de Stokton	Will. Sprot
Agnes de Thurkeston	Will. Ace	Isabell de Somerdeby
Will. de Wilugby	Nic. Caritas	Ric. de Weldon
Will. Harestan	Petronilla Glyde	Will. de Gouteby
Joh. Norman	Rob. le Porter	Rog. de Braunceston
Ric. de Notingham	Achelina de Kent	Joh. de Sallowe
Rog. de Gretham	Nic. de Cnapetoft	Ric. Power
Rog. de Barewe	Rob. Faucons ¹	Joh. de Lydington
Ric. Cagge	Will. Crouk	Hen. de Busseby
Will. le Porter	Will. Bonifaunt	Ric. de Houby
Will. Cocus	Bert. de Knyghton	Galf. de Nichole
Rob. de Stapinhull	Rob. de Beby	Galf. Jurdan
Will. de Clypston	Dauid le Coupere	Rog. Forester
Joh. Caritas	Rob. Benett	Will. de Rolleston ²
Joh. de Derby	Ric. de Stouton	
Hen. de Assheby	Will. de Whaynhous	

(2) [v^o.] [Aug. 29, 1312.] Tallagium assisum ad festum decolacionis S. Johannis Baptiste a. r. r. Edwardi VI pro expensis archeris domini comitis de Leycestria concessis et pro exhennio comiti tunc misso per sacramentum Johannis Cagge (and 10 others). (A list of 216 names, closely similar to the preceding list, total £5. 4s. 2d.)

LXXXVI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 4. [Nov. 19, 1311.] Morwenspeche tenta die veneris proxima ante festum S. Edmundi regis a. r. r. Edwardi quinto.

[A plea of associating in trade with one not in the gild³. A cask of ale, pledged according to Gild custom "secundum morem gilde," forgiven at the instance of the whole community. Seven entries.]

Tallage assessed at the feast of the Decollation of St John the Baptist 6 Ed. II., for expenses granted to the archers of the Lord Earl of Leicester and for the present then sent to the Earl by the oath of John Cagge (etc.).

LXXXVI. Morningspeech held on Friday next before the feast of St Edmund the King, 5 Ed. II.

¹ Elsewhere Faukys.

² Only three collectors are named.

³ He enters subsequently.

[Jan. 20, 1312.] Ric. de Lubenham queritur de Roberto de Burton de eo quod denecauit ipsum (*sic*) partem vnus corei vacce in foro de Hinkle: qui venit et non potuit dedicere et vadiauit ei dampnum et communitati misericordiam. (Pledges. Fine 1s.)

[1 entry. A charge against Ric. le Rede of leading strange merchants to Rothwell to buy wool against gild-rule; confessed; amendment pledged to the community. Afterwards he made fine for 1s., so that if he offends again he shall give the community £2 (etc.). Four persons charged with trading with Ric. le Rede who is not in the gild. They confessed; each was pledge for the other, and their fines are 2s., 1s., 1s., 3s. 4d.; another similarly charged offered to purge himself and sat between two (of the four charged above) who refused to swear with him; he is therefore as attainted (quasi attinctus); fine 3s. 4d., he paid 2s. and 1s. 4d. is pardoned. Richard le Rede claims his father's seat and it is granted.]

Will. de Thurmeston clericus acculpatus de eo quod fecit rescussum vnus equi Willelmo de Foxton serianti communitatis: qui venit et non potuit dedicere et vadiauit emendas maiori et communitati. (Pledges; pardoned at the instance of the community.)

[2 bull fines.] Will. de Beby quia cindit pannum in foro: qui non est in gilda: in misericordia: fecit finem pro xii*d.* et soluit.

[John le Husscher enters. Thomas de York accused of abusing the collectors of tallage (Rob. of Skeffington and others) with contumelious words: he could not deny and pledged amends to the community: pledges.]

Rob. de Gouteby accupatus de eo quod contempsit maiorem ad altam crucem verbis maliciosis (same result).

[v^o.] [Sep. 1311-1312.] Recepcio Johannis Alsý maioris de denariis finium gilde, tauris, transgressionibus et de diuersis tallagiis a festo S. Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi nunc quinto vsque ad eundem festum anno proximo sequente.

Ric. of Lubenham pleads against Rob. of Burton that he refused him a share of a cowhide in Hinckley market: who came and could not deny, and pledged the damage to him, and mercy to the community.

Will. of Thurmaston, clerk, charged because he made rescue of a horse from Will. of Foxton, Serjeant of the community: who came and could not deny and pledged amends to the Mayor and community.

Will. of Beeby (charged) because he cuts cloth in the market; he is not in the Gild; in mercy. He made fine for 1s. and paid.

Rob. of Goadby charged because he contemned the Mayor at the High-cross with malicious words.

Receipt of John Alsý the Mayor, for the pence of Gild fines, for bulls, trespasses and divers tallages from Michaelmas 5 Ed. II. to the same feast in the year next following.

[25 payments amounting to £3. 19s. Small payments of collectors' arrears for the tallage assessed for the king's coming from Scotland to the parliament of Northampton and for the tallage on ancient demesne in John Cagge's time, 2 Ed. II.]

Item de Petro Attebrigge, Johanne de Stokton et sociis suis, collectoribus cuiusdam tallagii assisi pro *curtepies* ad archerios domini concessis per vnam talliam viiili. et dim. et xvs. vid. Item de Will. de Thurmeston, Will. le Porter et sociis sui, collectoribus cuiusdam tallagii assisi pro vno exhennio misso Comiti et pro expensis archeriorum, xviili.—Summa xxiiiili. iis. id.—Summa totalis xxiiiili. iis. id.

LXXXVII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 134. [1311-12.] Account of John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts, charges and expenses from Michaelmas 5¹ Ed. II. to Mic. 6 Ed. II.

Receipts. 4s. for the four booths under the solar of the Gildhall by the hand of Will. of Foxton. £3. 19s. for gild fines, arrears from the collectors of the tallage for the king's coming out of Scotland to the parliament at Northampton, and arrears of the tallage on ancient demesne 2 Ed. II. And £8. 15s. 6d. from the collectors of the tallage for peajackets sent to the archers with the Earl. And £15 from the collectors of a tallage for a present sent to the lord and for the expenses of the archers by tally (blank).—Total £28. 6s. 1d.

Expenses therefrom. A present to Elias of Stapleton Oct. bread and beer, 1s. 7d. To Ric. Foun the Steward, at his coming, 2 gallons of wine, and again bread, wine, beer and hose (calige), 6s. 8d. To the clerk of Richard of Cornwall, the King's Marshal, and his companion with 2 horses and 3 grooms, bread, beer, wine, "kitchen," hay and horse provender, 2s. Sent to Ric. of Cornwall, wine and bread, 1s. 3½d. To the Earl in the second week of Lent bread, 5s. and wine 4 sesters and 2 gallons to fill the pot (4 cestr' et 2 lagene ad implendam ollam), 8s. 6d., in pitchers (picher') bought, 6d. Sent to Richard Foun another time 2 gallons of wine, 1s. 2d., i.e. one of white, the other of red. To Tho. of Blackburn and others of the Earl's household in Roger of Glen's tavern, 1½ gallons of wine, 9d.

To the Earl, on Sunday before St John the Baptist's Decollation, bread, 12s., 1 tun of wine, £4. 13s. 4d., 2 carcasses of beef, £1. 6s., 5 pigs £1. 3s. 10d. (with a note as to the owners of the pigs).—£7. 15s. 2d.

Item in duobus pannis emptis ad opus xx archeriorum euntium cum domino, precio viii marcis: in tonsura eorum iis.; in reparacione

From Peter at the bridge, John of Stoughton and their fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for the peajackets granted to the lord's archers, by a tally, £9. 5s. 6d. From Will. of Thurmaston, Will. the Porter and his fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for a gift sent to the Earl and for the archers' expenses, £15. Total £24. 3s. 1d. Total £24. 2s. 1d.

LXXXVII. In two cloths bought for the use of 20 archers going with the lord, price 8 marks; in shearing them 2s; in repairing peajackets 5s.

¹ Corrected from 'quarto.'

curteporum vs. Item pro arcubus et cornibus eorum lxvis. viii*d.*; in expensis eorum per i mensem viii*l.* Et xii*d.* amissos in narracione pecunie predictae.—Summa xvii*l.* xvi*d.*

[Messengers from the exchequer, in the week of St Martin's feast, 3*d.* Another, 1*d.* Tho. Ball, 6*d.* To the Earl's household in the tavern, 2 gallons at 1*s.*]

Item in recessu archeriorum de Senescallo et Thoma Chamberlayn et aliis de familia Comitis, in vino, iii lagene, xviii*d.*—Summa iii*s.* iiiii*d.*

Item computat liberatam Willelmo de Foxton pro seruicio suo dim. marc. Item Ade clerico pro eodem dim. marc. Item eidem pro parcamento vi*d.*

Summa totalis expensarum xxvii*l.* xiii*d.* ob.

Et excedunt sic debita xliiii*s.* xii*d.* ob.

LXXXVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 135. [1312-13.] Account of John Alsy (as above) 6-7 Ed. II.

Receipts. He answers for 4*s.* received from the 4 booths by the hand of Tho. Ernald, and £2. 4*s.* for gild fines, and 30*s.* arrears from collectors of the tallage assessed for the expenses of archers sent with the Earl, and £12 collected for a tallage assessed in Lent 6 Ed. II. for divers debts. Total £15. 14*s.*¹

Expenses. A present to Ric. Foun, bread and wine; to Sir Rob. de Holand, bread and wine; to the Earl Oct. 26, 1312, bread, 2*s.* 6*d.*, 2 iron barrels (ii barell' ferr') of 7 sextaries, price 14*s.*—Total, £1. 0*s.* 8*d.*

To Sir Robert de Holand, Dec. 17, bread, 5*s.*; 1 tun of wine, 7 marks; 3 pigs, 10*s.*—£5. 8*s.* 4*d.* To Ric. Foun, Steward, Jan. 2, bread, wine. To Simon of Baldeston and his fellows, auditors of the Earl's account, Jan. 4, bread, wine and beer, to Ric. Foun again before St Valentine's day—Total, £5. 13*s.* 2½*d.*

Present to Sir Robert de Holand, Feb. 21, bread, 10*d.*, 4 gallons of wine, 2*s.*, 8 of beer, 1*s.*, and again to Ric. Foun's wife, bread and wine; and again. Total, 9*s.* 8½*d.*

For their bows and horns² £3. 6*s.* 8*d.*; in their expenses for a month £7. And 1*s.* lost in counting the aforesaid money.—Total £16. 1*s.* 4*d.*

At the departure of the archers from the Steward and Thomas Chamberlain and from others of the Earl's household, in wine 3 gallons 1*s.* 6*d.*—Total 3*s.* 4*d.*

He counts paid to Will. of Foxton for his service 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Adam the clerk for the same 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the same for parchment 6*d.*

Sum total for expenses £26. 1*s.* 1½*d.* And so (the receipts) exceed the debts by £2. 4*s.* 11½*d.*

¹ The 4*s.* for the booths have been omitted.

² ? The horn tips of the bows, or horn arrows (cf. Ducange, *balista de cornu*).

Item datam cuidam nuncio portanti litteram Regine communitati Leycestrie de partu filii sui¹ in crastino S. Edmundi Archiepiscopi 1 marc. [and to two "cockins" from the exchequer at the Ascension, 2*d.*, and one at Whitsuntide, 4*d.*]

Item liberatam Johanni de Norton portanti quamdam litteram de Comite senescallo de Bolingbroke pro negociis communitatis die mercurii proxima post festum S. Laurencii, dim. marc. Item eidem Johanni eunti apud Melebourne ad Comitem cum responso predicte littere...*vid.* ob.

Item Roberto clerico Rogeri de Glen pro mora facienda ad parliamentum pro negociis communitatis de anno ultimo preterito *x.s.* Item Ade clerico et Thome Ernald pro feodis eorum *xiiis. iiid.* Et pro parcameno *vid.* Item liberatos Hugoni le Mercer *viii*l.* xiiis. vid.*, videlicet pro antiquo debito, *lxis. iid.* Et pro vno doleo vini supra misso domino R. de Holand, *vii marc.*—Summa *ix*l.* vs. vid.* ob.

LXXXIX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 5. [1313.] [Feb. 16.] Morwenspeche tenta die veneris proxima post festum S. Valentini a. r. r. Edwardi sexto. [2 entries, 3 bull fines, one pardoned at Elias of Stapleton's instance. Mar. 30, 1 entry, 2 fines.]

Rogerus de Gretham queritur de Roberto de Lincoln de eo quod

LXXXVIII. Given to a certain messenger bearing the Queen's letter to the community of Leicester, concerning the birth of her son, on the morrow of St Edmund Archbishop (Nov. 21), 1 mark.

Paid to John of Norton bearing a certain letter from the Earl to the Steward of Bolingbroke for the business of the community, on Wednesday next after the feast of St Laurence, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the same John going to Melbourne to the Earl with the answer to the said letter, 6½*d.*

To Robert the clerk of Roger of Glen for stay made at parliament on business of the community, in the year last past 10*s.* To Adam the clerk and Tho. Ernald for their fees 13*s.* 4*d.* And for parchment 6*d.* Paid to Hugh the Mercer £7. 14*s.* 6*d.*, that is to say for old debt £3. 1*s.* 2*d.* And for a tun of wine sent (as above) to Sir R. de Holand, 7 marks. Total £9. 5*s.* 6½*d.*

LXXXIX. Morningspeech held on Friday next after the feast of St Valentine 6 Ed. II.

Roger of Gretham impleaded Rob. of Lincoln because, whereas the said

¹ Nov. 17. Edward III. was born 13 Nov., 1312.

cum idem Rob. deberet ponderasse lanam suam quasi communis procurator inter dictum Rogerum et quemdam mercatorem extraneum in domo dicti Rogeri ibi idem Rob. in ponderacione unde(cim) petrarum lane nimis ponderavit de quatuor libris lane ad dampnum ipsius Rogeri non modicum etc. Et propter hoc dicta lana abducta fuit ad aulam gilde et ibidem ponderata per Johannem Alsy et Will. del Whaynhous coram communitatem (*sic*) et inuenta est magis quam esse deberet in pondere de iiii lib. lane. Et ibi dictus Rob. quasi attinctus vadiauit dicto Rogero emendas: et inuenit pleggios...et etiam vadiauit emendas communitati. Et quia maior non fuit consiliatus ad emendam incertam capiendam¹, prohibuit dicto Roberto manuopere (*sic*) vsque etc.

[July 8, 1313.] Idem Rob. de Lincoln venit in aula gilde die dominica proxima post festum translacionis S. Thome martiris coram maiore et ibidem accupatus vt supra: et petiit gratiam de communitate de transgressione predicta et concessum est ei, ita videlicet quod idem Rob. vadiauit maiori et communitati decem libras per plegium (2 named). Et ponitur in respectu ita quod si dictus Rob. magis deliquerit² uersus communitatem et de hoc fuerit conuictus, dabit cs. uel abiuret officium procuratoris.

Robert ought to have weighed his wool as Public Broker between the said Roger and a certain strange merchant in the house of the said Roger, there the said Robert weighed too much by four pounds of wool in a total of 11 stone of wool, to the no small damage etc. of the said Roger, and for this reason the said wool was taken to the Gildhall, there weighed by John Alsy and Will. of the Wainhouse in the presence of the community, and there is found to be more than it ought to be by the weight of four pounds of wool. And there the said Robert, as attainted, pledged amends to the said Roger and found pledges...and also pledged amends to the community. And because the Mayor was not inclined to accept doubtful amendment he forbade the said Robert handiwork till etc.

The said Robert of Lincoln came before the Mayor in the Gildhall on Sunday next after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr and there was charged as above: and he asked pardon from the community for the aforesaid trespass and it was granted him, that is to say so that the said Robert pledged to the Mayor and community £10 by pledge. And it is put in respite so that, if the said Robert should offend any more against the community and should be convicted thereof, he shall pay £5 or abjure the office of Broker.

¹ MS. *emend' incertum capiend'.*

² MS. *delinquit.*

Ric. Osemond queritur de Thoma Louerd de eo quod denecauit ei partem de lana empta apud Blacfordby contra statutum Gilde. Et predictus Tho. venit et negat: et concedit dicto Ricardo iurare cum Henrico Marwe, qui uenit et fecit legem. Ideo dictus Tho. vadiauit ei dampnum et maiori misericordiam [2 pledges named. Tho. Ernald is one].

[v^o.] [Sep. 29, 1312—Sep. 29, 1313.] Recepcio Johannis Alsy maioris de diuersis tallagiis, finibus Gilde, tauris, et transgressionibus a festo sancti Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi sexto vsque ad idem festum anno eiusdem Regis septimo. [15 persons paying £2. 4s.]

De Willelmo de Thurmeston, Willelmo le Porter et sociis suorum, collectoribus cuiusdam tallagii assisi pro expensis Archeriorum euntium cum domino Comite, per unam talliam, xxxs.

De eodem Willelmo et Ricardo Ace et de Roberto de Holewell et sociis suorum, collectoribus vnus tallagii assisi in quadragesima a. r. r. Edwardi sexto pro diuersis debitis, per i talliam, xiii*li*.—Summa totius recepti xvi*li*. xiii*s*.

XC. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 137. [1313-14.] Compotus Walteri de Busseby maioris Leicestrie de omnibus receptis suis, misis, et expensis a festo S. Michaelis a. r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi septimo usque idem festum proximo sequens.

Ric. Osemond impleaded Tho. Lord because he refused him part of wool bought at Blackfordby against the statute of the Gild. And the aforesaid Tho. comes and denies: and he allows the said Richard to swear with Hen. Marwe, who came and made law. Therefore the said Tho. pledged the damage to him and mercy to the Mayor.

Receipt of John Alsy, Mayor, of divers tallages, fines of the Gild, bulls, and trespasses from Michaelmas 6 Ed. II., till the same feast, 7 Ed. II.

From Will. of Thurmaston, Will. the Porter and their fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for the expenses of the archers going with the lord Earl, by one tally, £1. 10*s*.

From the same Will. and from Ric. Ace and Rob. of Holwell and their fellows, collectors of a tallage assessed in Lent 6 Ed. II. for divers debts, by one tally, £12.—Sum of the whole receipt £15. 14*s*.

XC. Account of Walter of Bushby, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts, charges and expenses from Michaelmas 7 Ed. II. to Michaelmas 8 Ed. II.

Receipts. 4s. for the 4 booths by the hand of Tho. Ernald, £5. 6s. 4d., for gild fines, and 8s. arrears of tallage assessed at Whitsuntide in the 31st year (Ed. I.) for the carriage of the Earl into Scotland.

Et de xvis. receptis de molendinario, Radulpho de Hodingges, et sociis suorum, de i tallagio assiso in septimana pasche anno xxxiiii pro exhennio misso Comiti. Et de xli. receptis de Roberto Lewys, Radulpho le Forester et sociis suorum de i tallagio assiso pro Carta Theolonii emenda. Et de xs. receptis de Petro Lomb de arreragio compoti sui.—xviii. li. iiiis. iiiid.

Inde expense. Idem computat in tribus garcionibus allocatis custodientibus emptores de pellibus lanutis ad finem ville per tres dies, et per tres partes ix*d.*

[Gifts. To Ric. Foun, the steward, twice, bread, wine, beer. To John de Kynnardeseye, bread, wine, beer.]

Item Domino Johanni de Harington et Johanni de Batesforde Justiciariis, die lune proxima sequente.

[Bread and wine, 2s. 7*d.* Also to Ric. Foun again, and Sir Rob. de Holand, bread and wine, and to John de Kynnardeseye in birds (auibus) 3*d.*, and wine 1s.—12s. 11½*d.*

To Simon de Baldeston and his fellows, auditors of the Earl's account, Thursday next before Christmas, bread, wine, beer; hens, 1s. 4*d.* To Ric. Foun's wife, bread, wine; Rob. de Holand's wife, bread, 3s., 3 sextaries of wine, 6s., salmon, 4s. Ric. Foun, wine, and to his wife in Whitsun-week, bread and beer.—£1. 0s. 4½*d.*

Other expenses. In expenses of Ric. de Holand and others of the household of Robert de Holand at Candlemas, at the tavern, 2s. Two pair of hose to the same, price 3s. Expenses of R. Foun, Tho. Chamberlain and others in the quindena of Easter, in the tavern, 3s.—8s.

To Ric. Foun, bread and wine, 3 times. To Sir Robert de Holand, bread, 1s. 1½*d.*, 2 sextaries of wine, 4s., 13 hens, 2s. 2*d.* To the Earl on Friday next before the feast of St Swithin's translation, bread, 1s., 1 tun of wine, not yet paid nor estimated, —, salmon, 6s. To Simon of Baldeston and his fellows, auditors of the Earl's account, Tuesday before the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, bread, wine.—£1. 11s. 9½*d.*]

...And of 16s. received from—the miller, Ralph de Hodingges and their fellows, of a tallage assessed in Easter week 34 Ed. I. for a present sent to the Earl. And of £10 received of Rob. Lewis, Ralph the Forester and their fellows, of a tallage assessed for purchasing the Charter of Toll. And of 10s. received from Peter Lamb, arrears of his account.—£17. 4s. 4*d.*

Expenses therefrom. He counts for three grooms hired for watching the sellers of wool-fells at the end of the town, for three days and in three parts, 9*d.*...

To Sir John of Harrington and John of Batsford, the Justices, on Monday next following....

Idem computat liberatos cuidam garcioni portanti quamdam cedulam apud London' Domino Comiti de nominibus burgensium et villatarum domini Regis et de eorum balliuis, pro tolnetis et consuetudinibus, iiis. Item Willelmo le Palmere Juniori et Nicholao le Mercer pro dicta cedula exequenda vis. viiid. Item eidem Willelmo pro breuibz acquietandis extra cancellariam in festo S. Thome apostoli vs. Item eidem Willelmo pro breuibz attachiamenti apud Derby et Notingham die Jouis proxima post festum SS. Fabiani et Sebastiani pro burgensibus Leycestrie, iiis. [and at Northampton the following week]. Item Willelmo le Palmere seniori pro carta xli. Item Elie de Stapilton pro quadam littera procuranda de Comite ad Nundinas S. Botulphi pro burgensibus xiiis. iiid.

[To Richard of Dunington for his service, 13s. 4d., to Tho. Ernald and Adam the clerk for the same, 13s. 4d. To Adam for parchment, 6d.—£13. os. 2d. Total of expenses, £16. 14s. 0½d.]

[vº.] Custos pontis occidentalis a. r. eiusdem Regis Edwardi septimo tempore Walteri de Busseby.

[May 5-12, 1314.] Idem computat in septimana proxima ante Ascencionem domini in vna carecta allocata ducente sablonem per vnum diem, xd. In iii hominibus fodeuntibus (*sic*) sablonem in puteo et ad implendam Carectam per i diem, iiid. ob. in ceruisia pro eosdem (*sic*), ob. In ii garcionibus seruientibus Cementariis per diem Sabbati, iid., in vna cribra pro sablone empta, id. ob. in ii *gatis* iiid. in quinque

He counts paid to a certain groom carrying a certain schedule to London to the lord Earl with the names of burgesses and the townships of the lord King and of their bailiffs, for tolls and customs, 3s. To Will. the Palmer Junior and Nic. the Mercer for drawing up the said schedule 6s. 8d. To the said Will. for discharging the writs out of Chancery on the feast of St Thomas the Apostle, 5s. To the said Will. for writs of attachment at Derby and Nottingham, on Thursday next after the feast of St Fabian and St Sebastian, for the burgesses of Leicester, 3s....To Will. the Palmer senior for the Charter, £10. To Elias of Stapleton for procuring a certain letter from the Earl at Boston Fair for the Burgesses, 13s. 4d.

The keeper of the West Bridge 7 Ed. II., in the time of Walter of Bushby.

He counts in the week next before Ascension Day in one cart hired to carry sand for a day, 10d. In 3 men digging sand in the pit and for filling the cart during one day, 4½d., in beer for them, ½d. In 2 lads serving the masons on Saturday, 2d.; in one sieve bought for sand, 1½d.; in 2 "*gates*"¹

¹ The price seems too small for gates; perhaps *gade*, gad, or spike, or crowbar, see next page.

quarteriis calcis emptis de Tho. Mikeloue iis. *id.* In stipendio magistri Cementarii iis. *vid.* Item socio suo *xxd.*—viii. ob.

Item in septimana proxima sequente, iiii hominibus ad puteum de sablone per iiii dies, xviii*d.* et pro ceruisia eorum iiii*d.* In i carecta cariante sablonem per vnum diem *xd.* In ii garcionibus seruientibus Cementariis per totam ebdomadam, *xxd.* Et ad ceruisiam pro eosdem (*sic*) et pro Cementariis *vid.* In vna carecta calcis *xxiii*d.** In petra empta de Thoma de Scharnford *xvs.* In stipendio magistri Johannis Cementarii et socii sui, iiii*s.* *iid.*—xxv*s.* *xd.*

[After May 26.] Item in septimana Pentecostes per iii dies ii Cementariis pro seruicio eorum, iis., in ii garcionibus eisdem seruientibus per idem *ix*d.**; et pro ceruisia eorum iiii*d.* In iii garcionibus portantibus lapides de domo Thome de Scharnford vsque ad altam viam iiii*d.* ob., et pro ceruisia eorum *id.* In i carecta cariante lapides predictos vsque ad pontem per vnum diem *xd.*, in ii carectis calcis emptis, iiii*s.* viii*d.*, in sablone empta pro toto opere *xv*d.** ob. In *scharping* ferros et *crombing gates* per totum dictum tempus *vid.*—ix*s.* *ix*d.**—Summa totalis xlii*s.* viii*d.* ob.

Item Custus (*sic*) alte crucis anno eiusdem Regis Edwardi predicto per eundem Walterum.

Idem computat in vi petris emptis apud Wauerton, *xs.* In

3*d.*; in 5 quarters of lime bought from Tho. Mikelove 2*s.* 1*d.* In the wages of the master mason, 2*s.* 6*d.* To his fellow 1*s.* 8*d.*—8*s.* 0½*d.*

In the week next following to four men at the sandpit for four days 1*s.* 6*d.*, and for their beer 4*d.* In one cart carrying sand for one day 10*d.* In two grooms serving the masons all the week, 1*s.* 8*d.* And for beer for the same and for the masons 6*d.* In one cartload of lime 1*s.* 10*d.* In stone bought of Tho. of Sharnford 15*s.* In the wage of Master John the Mason and of his fellow 4*s.* 2*d.*—£1. 5*s.* 10*d.*

In Whitsun-week for three days to two masons for their service 2*s.*; in two lads serving them for the same period 9*d.* and for their beer 3*d.* In 3 grooms carrying stones from the house of Tho. of Sharnford to the highway 4½*d.*, and for their beer 1*d.* In one cart carrying the said stones to the bridge, during one day, 10*d.*; in two carts of lime bought, 3*s.* 8*d.*; in sand bought for the whole work 1*s.* 3½*d.* In sharpening irons and pointing the "gates" all the said time 6*d.*—9*s.* 9*d.* Sum total £2. 3*s.* 7½*d.*

The keeper of the High Cross in the year of King Edward aforesaid by the same Walter.

He counts in 6 stones bought at Waverton² 10*s.* In carriage of the said

¹ ? Sharpening pikes or perhaps pickaxes.

² Can it be Waverton, Cheshire, where there is a quarry of red sandstone, from which Chester Cathedral was repaired? Wiverton, Notts. would seem more likely. Yet the sum paid for carriage would point to a considerable distance.

cariagio dictarum petrarum apud Leycestriam xxxs. In vno (*sic*) lagen' et i quart' olei linei ad vngendum dictas petras xxiiid. In traxcione cuiusdam petre de vico vsque gardinum Johannis Cagge, ad bibendum viiid. Item ii garcionibus portantibus petras de veteri cruce de gardino Thome Houghill vsque ad gardinum Johannis Cagge iid. In cera et pice pro vna pecia facienda super *le Schaft* crucis iid. ob. In cera et pice ad faciend' pecia (*sic*) super milites iiiid. ob. Item Willelmo Steyn eunti in partibus Bannebur' pro Johanne Cementario in vigilia assumptionis, *vid.*—xxxiiis. viiid.

[Sep. 18.] Item die mercurii proxima post festum exultacionis (*sic*) Sancte Crucis ii garcionibus mundantibus¹ viam pro ferno iid. ob. Item pro cariendo ferni (*sic*) de cinobio vsque ad crucem xiid. Item hominibus leuantibus predictum fernum, ad bibendum xviiid. et pro vigilia predicti ferni per ii noctes iiiid. In crastino hominibus tractantibus milites de aula Gilde ad crucem ad bibendum xiiid. In *cord*, capistris et virgis emptis pro *le steyring'* *vid.* Item Willelmo Steyn seruienti Cementariis per iii dies *vid.* Item ii garcionibus portantibus lapides de domo Thome de Scharnford per i diem iiiid. In dimidia summa et vna decenna ferri emptis xis. Item Johanni

stones to Leicester £1. In one gallon and one quart of linseed oil for oiling the said stones² 1s. 11d. In drawing a certain stone from the street to the garden of John Cagge, for drink 8d. To two grooms carrying stones from the old cross from the garden of Tho. Houghill to the garden of John Cagge 2d. In wax and pitch for making a piece on the shaft of the cross 1½d. In wax and pitch for making pieces on the knights³ 3½d. To Will. Steyn going into the neighbourhood of Banbury for John the Mason on the Eve of the Assumption, 6d.—£1. 13s. 8d.

On Wednesday next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to two grooms cleaning the road for the windlass 2½d. For carrying the windlass from the monastery to the cross 1s. To men raising the said windlass, for drink 1s. 4d., and for watching the said windlass for two nights 4d. Next day for men drawing the knights³ from the Gildhall to the cross, for drink 1s. 2d. In rope, halters (?)⁴ and rods bought for the stairing 6d. To Will. Steyn serving the masons for 3 days 6d. To two grooms carrying stones from the house of Tho. of Sharnford for one day 3d. In half a seam and one

¹ Written *mindent'*.

² Preparatory to painting perhaps; see below p. 285.

³ Figures of knights.

⁴ The usual sense may not be applicable here. Mr Bradley tells me that it may here represent the French *chevêtre*, "*pièce de bois dans laquelle on emboîte les soliveaux du plancher.*"

Frene pro seruicio suo trium dierum ibidem *iiid.* Item *ii* carpentariis pro reparacione feni *xiiid.*—*xviis.* *vid.* ob.

Item in septimana sequente in plumbo empto de Petro de Kent, *xvd.* ob. videlicet dim. *ped* et *i* petra. Et de Willelmo Coco *i* *ped* plumbi precio *iis.* *iiid.* In carbone et busco pro eodem *iiid.* Item Willelmo Steyn pro seruicio suo per *ii* dies *iiid.* Item liberatos magistro Johanni pro reparacione crucis ex pacto *lxvis.* *viiiid.* Item Ade socio suo pro pictura in parte solucionis quinque marcarum *ls.* Item Nicholao Fabro pro toto opere suo [blank]. Item liberatos cuidam Cementario commoranti et facienti *nodes* et fanum crucis post transitum Magistri Johannis *xid.* Item eidem alia vice *iiis.* *viiiid.*—*vili.* *vs.* *vd.* ob. extra N. Fabrum.—Summa totalis *viii/i.* *xvis.* *viiiid.*

XCI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 29. [1313–14.] [v^o.] Rotulus Walteri de Busceby de anno VII.

[Oct. 12, 1313.] Morwenspeche tenta die veneris proxima post festum S. Dionisii a. r. r. Edwardi VII.

Will. de Hologate Junior acculpatus de eo quod vendidit allecc' insanas in foro per manus Ricardi de Braunceston ad dampnum tocius

decenary¹ of iron bought, *11s.* To John Frene for his service there for three days *3d.* To two carpenters for the repair of the windlass *1s.*—*17s.* *6½d.*

In the week following, in lead bought from Peter of Kent, *1s.* *3½d.*, to wit half a ped² and one stone³. And from Will. the Cook one ped of lead, price *2s.* *4d.* In coal and firewood for the same *3d.* To Will. Steyn for his service during two days *4d.* Paid to Master John for repair of the cross by contract *£3.* *6s.* *8d.* To Adam his fellow for painting, in part payment of 5 marks, *£2.* *10s.* To Nic. the Smith for all his work— . Paid to a certain mason staying and making the nodes and the vane of the cross after Master John's departure *11d.* To the same another time *3s.* *8d.*—*£6.* *5s.* *5½d.*, without N. the Smith.—Total sum *£8.* *16s.* *8d.*

XCI. Roll of Walter of Bushby of the seventh year.

Morningspeech held on Friday next after the feast of St Denys 7 Ed. II.

Will. of Holgate Junior charged because he sold unsound herring in market by the hands of Ric. of Braunston to the damage of the whole

¹ The weight of the seam and decenary of iron do not appear to be known.

² Thorold Rogers gives the ped as equivalent to the pes, or pig, = 5 stone (of 14 lb. each).

³ The stone of lead weighed 12lb., see Fleta.

communitatis : qui venit et non potuit dedicere ; et vadiauit emendas Maiori et communitati per plegios (etc.). [One entry.]

Ric. Osemond accupatus de eo quod emit pelles lanutes (*sic*) ad finem ville per manus Henrici le Marewe contra provisionem Gilde. Qui venit et cognouit et vadiauit emendas maiori et communitati pro se et Henrico garcione sua (*sic*). [7 entries and fines.]

Alanus de Gissing accupatus per maiorem quod ipse denecauit quamdam districtionem in foro sabbati Thome Ernald serianti communitatis et fecit ei rescussum. Qui venit et cognouit et vadiauit emendas communitati et taxatum (*sic*) est emend' xxs. (10 pledges)...et soluit in Rotulo Johannis de Knyttcote. [One bull fine, two entries, one suit unfinished about collection for a tallage "vacat quia condonatur."]

[Feb. 15, 1314.] [2 entries.] Hugo de Peyghcilton accupatus de eo quod vendidit allec' Radulfi quondam seruientis Hugonis le Mercer qui non est in Gilda. Qui uenit et cognouit dictam allec' esse predicto Radulfo. Ideo preceptum est attachiare dictam allec'. Postea venit Hugo le Mercer et manucepit soluere pro emendis dicti (*sic*) transgressionis xls. in festo Inuencionis S. Crucis ad voluntatem dicti (*sic*) communitatis.

[Feb. 1, 1314.] Memorandum quod die Martis proxima ante festum Purificacionis beate Marie a. r. r. Edwardi VII, conuocatis Walterus (*sic*) de Busseby tunc Maiore (*sic*) Leycestrie et communitas

community : who came and could not deny ; and he pledged amends to the Mayor and Community by pledges.

Ric. Osmond charged because he bought sheepskins at the end of the town by the hands of Hen. le Marewe against the provision of the Gild : who came and confessed and pledged amends to the Mayor and Community for himself and his lad Henry.

Alan of Gissing charged by the Mayor that he refused a certain distraint in Saturday Market to Tho. Ernald, Serjeant of the community, and made rescue from him : who came and confessed and pledged amends to the community, and the amendment is assessed at £1...and he paid in the Roll of John of Knightcote.

Hugh of Peckleton charged because he sold the herring of Ralph sometime servant of Hugh the Mercer, who is not in the Gild. Who came and confessed the said herring to be the said Ralph's. Therefore it is ordered that the said herring be attached. Afterwards Hugh the Mercer came and undertook to pay £2 for amends of the said trespass on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross at the will of the said community.

Note that on Tuesday next before Candlemas 7 Ed. II. Walter of Bushby then Mayor of Leicester and the community of the said town being met together, by the order of the lord Earl of Lancaster, in the Gildhall before

(sic) eiusdem uille, precepto domini Comitis Lancastrie, in aula Gilde coram Ricardo Foun seneschallo honoris Leycestrie ad instanciam Radulfi de Burton, lecte fuerunt tres carte adquisicionis Johannis de Burton in forma subscripta. Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de Louseby de Leycestria dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Johanni de Burton de Leycestria et Edithe vxori sue pro quadam summa pecunie quam mihi dederunt premanibus totum croftum meum terre cum pertinenciis in parochia S. Petri Leycestrie, sine vilo retenemento, quod iacet inter venellam que vocatur *Soperelane* ex vna parte et terram que fuit Henrici Cosin et terram R...¹ Houby iunioris et terram Ricardi Norman ex altera, et extendit a terra predictorum Johannis (et) Edithe et a terra que fuit Henrici... ad terram Walteri Aldyth et terram quam idem Walterus aliquando tenuit. Habendum et tenendum de capitalibus dominis feodi (illius) per seruicia que ad predictum tenementum pertinent dictis Johanni et Edithe et eorum heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatos libere (etc.) inperpetuum. Et si dicti Johannes et Editha sine herede inter ipsos legitime procreato obierint, volo quod totum predictum tenementum cum pertinenciis post eorum decessum remaneat Radulfo filio dicti Johannis et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, per seruicia supradicta inperpetuum. Et si idem Rad. sine herede de

Ric. Foun the Steward of the Honour of Leicester, at the instance of Ralph of Burton, there were read three charters of John of Burton's acquisition, in the form underwritten. Know all men present and to come that I Henry of Loseby of Leicester have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to John of Burton of Leicester and Edith his wife, for a certain sum of money which they have given me beforehand, all my croft of land with appurtenances in the parish of St Peter's Leicester, without any reservation, which lies between the lane which is called Soapmakers' Lane on the one side, and the land which was Henry Cosin's and the land of R. of Hoby Junior and the land of Ric. Norman on the other, and stretches from the land of the said John and Edith and from the land which was Henry's... to the land of Walter Aldyth and the land which the said Walter once held. To have and to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the services which belong to the said tenement, to the aforesaid John and Edith and their heirs lawfully begotten between them, freely...for ever. And if the said John and Edith should die without an heir lawfully begotten between them, I will that all the said tenement with the appurtenances after their decease shall remain to Ralph the son of the said John and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten, by the aforesaid services for ever. And if the said Ralph should die without

¹ Torn.

corpore suo legitime procreato obierit, volo quod totum tenementum predictum cum pertinenciis post eius decessum remaneat...Johannis et eorum assignatis per seruicia supra predicta inperpetuum. (Warranty and sealing clauses.) Hiis testibus: Willelmo le Paumer tunc maiore Leycestrie, Nicholao de Burton, tunc balliuo, Roberto de Scharnford, Johanne Alsy, Willelmo de Scharnforde, Willelmo de Wilugby, Willelmo Bate et aliis. Datum Leycestrie xxiii die Aprilis A.D. 1304.

[In the same terms Hen. of Loseby grants to the same person his chief messuage in S. Martin's Parish, in Parchment-makers' Lane (in vico parcamenorum) lying between the land which was Robert the Parchment-maker's and that of — Cosin, stretching from the donor's croft to the said street. The witnesses being Tho. Gunfrey then Mayor, Rob. of Sharnford, John Alsy, Will. of Willoughby, Peter of Kent and others, 26 Sep. 1303.

Also Robert le Kellere (caul-maker) to the same, granting a messuage outside the East gate in "Gosewellgate," to wit, that messuage which was once (torn) in the lane called "Plowmanlane." Also 10s. of annual rent paid at the terms usual in Leicester¹, from a messuage outside (East) gate in "Bellegravegate" lying between Ric. Norman's land and the lane which leads to the Earl of Leicester's bakehouse, on the conditions as above, with leave to enter the Belgravegate messuage to distrain for rent. Witnesses: (Roger of Willoughby Mayor, — and Roger of Glen, bailiffs, Ric. of Hoby, — Waynhous, Ric. Cagge and others. 15 Feb. A.D. 1305².)

[v^o.] [Sep. 26, 1313. 4 entries. Walter of Bushby the Mayor's receipt of pence from the Gild and for fines and bulls³ Sep. 29, 1313—Sep. 29, 1314, £5. 16s. 4d. Tallage arrears from the collectors of the half of a tallage assessed at Whitsuntide 31 Ed. I. for carriage of the Earl into Scotland: for a tallage assessed in Easter-week 34 Ed. I. for a present to the Earl: and for one in Lent 7 Ed. II. for improving the Charter of Toll, in all £10. 4s.]

XCII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 73. [1314.] Tallagium assisum in Quadragesima a. r. r. Edwardi VII pro Carta de libertatibus emenda, videlicet xlii. per sacramentum assedat' xx denar'⁴.

an heir of his body lawfully begotten, I will that the whole aforesaid tenement with appurtenances after his death shall remain to...of John and to their assigns for the services aforesaid for ever... The witnesses being Will. the Palmer, then Mayor of Leicester, Nic. of Burton, then bailiff (and as above). Dated at Leicester on the 24th day of April 1304.

XCII. Tallage assessed in Lent 7 Ed. II. for purchasing the charter concerning the liberties, that is to say £10 assessed by oath on the twentieth penny.

¹ See the Calendar below.

² Badly damaged.

³ One payment for breach of the Assize of Beer (pro fractione Ceruisie, vid.).

⁴ Four collectors; 348 names, totals not added; no division into quarters.

XCIII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 30, (1). [1314-5.] [v^o.] Rotulus Johannis de Knythecote de a. r. r. Edwardi VIII.

[r^o.] [Oct. 18, 1314.] [Court of the Gild. 4 entries. Alan of Gissing's plea about making rescue from the serjeant, Tho. Ernald, in Walter of Bushby's time as above.]

[Nov. 7, 1314.] [4 entries.] Gilb. Wade acculpatus fuit per maiorem quod ipse forstallauit pelles lanutas, emendo eas extra Portam et insidiando ne procederent ad locum vbi deberent uendi: qui uenit et negauit: requisitus qualiter se uelit aquietare, dicit quod uellet iurare cum sola manu; dictum fuit ei quod se sederit inter duos fratres gilde: et ipse sic fecit et ipsi negauerunt facere sacramentum cum ipso. Ideo consideratum fuit quod esset conuictus. Et predictus Gilbertus vadiauit emendas. Et fecit finem pro xld. (Pledges.) Et ponitur in respectu per maiorem et communitatem; si magis deliquit et super hoc conuictus sit, dabit dimidiam marcam.

Rob. de Asschebourne inuentus fuit insidiand' forstalland' et emend' pelles lanutas extra Portam borialem et attachiate fuerunt xi pelles per garcionem maioris. Predictus Rob. venit et petiit deliberacionem per plegium Johannis de Melton ad standum recto ad primum *morwespech*. Idem venit et aculpatus fuit super illa transgressione et quod sic fecit qualibet die Sabbati. Idem Rob. dicit quod non nisi illo die et quod non habuit nisi quatuor et sic

XCIII. John of Knightcote's roll of 8 Ed. II.

Gilbert Wade was charged by the Mayor that he forestalled woolfells, buying them outside the gate and waylaying them that they might not go to the place where they ought to be sold: who came and denied: asked how he would acquit himself, he says that he wishes to swear with the single hand: he was told to sit between two gild brethren: and he did so and they refused to make oath with him. Therefore it was decided that he should be convicted. And the said Gilbert pledged amends. And he made fine for 3s. 4d. And it is put in respite by the mayor and community; if he offends again and be convicted thereof, he shall give half a mark.

Rob. of Ashbourne was found waylaying, forestalling and buying woolfells outside the North gate and 11 fells were attached by the Mayor's groom¹. The said Robert came and begged delivery by the pledge of John of Melton to stand to right at the first Morningspeech. He came and was accused of that trespass and that he did this thing every Saturday. The said Robert says that he did not do it except on the one day and that he had only

¹ See p. 281.

cognouit. Ideo consideratum fuit quod esset conuictus, quare dictus Rob. uadiauit emendas maiori et communitati et maior petiit plegios ab eo: dixit quod non fuit prouisus de plegiis nec tunc inuenire potuit. Ideo preceptum fuit Thome Ernald seruienti communitatis quod distringeret predictum Robertum pro predicta transgressione et pro contentu (*sic*): predictus Tho. venit et cepit iiii pelles nomine distrinctionis. Idem Rob. venit et fecit ei rescussum. Predictus Tho. alias venit et cepit vnum linteamen cum lana, per testimonium Thome de Nichole: et ipse alias fecit ei rescussum: quare predictus Tho. Ernald leuauit hutesium. Idem Rob. venit in aula et cognouit predictam transgressionem et vadiauit xld. et soluit ad presens xiid. Et iis. iiiiid. respectuantur. Ita quod si magis deliquit leuentur ut purum debitum.

[Nov. 15, 1314, 1 entry. Nov. 22. John de Sallowe charged by the Mayor that he had dealings with Thomas servant of the rector of the church of St Margaret¹, who is not in the gild, using his money for part profits; he asked to acquit himself according to Gild custom, and sat between two. They refused to swear with him. He is convicted and pledged amends. Three pledges. But he did not make fine, so it is to be assessed. Rob. de Gouteby (Goadby) charged by the Mayor that he caused his woolfells to be washed by a man not in the Gild. Fine 6s. 8d. It is respited, but he must pay if he does so again. Nov. 29. 6 entries, 3 bull fines. Dec. 6. 1 fine, 2 entries, 1 plea of illegal trade.]

[v^o.] [Dec. 13, 1314.] Morwenspeche tenta die veneris in festo S. Lucie virginis. Nic. Auntrus² de Notyngham conuictus est quod vendit allec' per denarios et obolos, contra consuetudinem ville per

four, and so he confessed. Therefore it was decided that he should be convicted, wherefore the said Robert pledged amends to the Mayor and community and the Mayor required pledges from him: he said that he was not provided with pledges and could not find any then. Therefore Tho. Ernald the Serjeant of the Community was ordered to distrain the said Robert for the aforesaid trespass and for contempt: the aforesaid Thomas came and took four fells in the name of distraint. The said Robert came and made rescue from him. The said Thomas came again and took a sheet with wool, by the witness of Tho. of Lincoln: and he again made rescue from him: wherefore the aforesaid Tho. Ernald raised the hue. The said Robert came into the hall and confessed the aforesaid trespass and pledged 3s. 4d. and paid at present 1s. And the 2s. 4d. are respited, so that if he offends again they shall be raised as pure debt.

Morningspeech held on Friday the feast of St Lucia the Virgin Nic. Auntrous of Nottingham is convicted that he sold herring by pence and

¹ Thomas of Pirley, see Coroners' Rolls, s. a. 16 Ed. II.

² Cf. Stevenson's *Nottingham Records*, i. 68, where in 1308—9 he is a juror on an inquest.

tres dies mercator'. Ideo consideratum est quod vadiat xxs. pro transgressione: vnde condonatur ad iis. (etc.). [2 bull fines. John de Sallow's fine assessed at 1 mark.]

[Dec. 30, 1314.] Memorandum quod die lune in crastino S. Thome martiris a. r. r. Edwardi VIII, Will. de Waltham de London aculpatus fuit per maiorem Leycestrie in aula gilde in presencia Willelmi le Palmer, Laur. le Seller, Will. de Lyndrich, Joh. Alsy, Joh. de Norton, Pet. de Kent, Ric. Cagge, Will. del Waynhous, Rad. Cokebred, Rob. Jeryn, Will. de Craunforde, Tho. de Wylugby, Ade de Syleby, Galf. ad Molendinum et Joh. de Couentria Juratorum, Rob. Hose, Will. de Gouteby, Will. le Porter, Ric. Ace, Hen. de Barkeby, Hug. de Skeftington, Rob. de Gouteby, Nic. de Kylebourne, et aliorum de Communitate, quod ipse lauari fecit c et iiii pelles lanutas in Brounkynnesthorp¹ in quodam loco qui vocatur *Dubberesdyck* contra libertatem Gilde: quare attachiatur per communem seruientem: qui respondit et cognouit quod lauari fecit pelles predictas in loco predicto, non contra libertatem nec in preiudicio Gilde, quia ille locus ut intellexit non fuit infra libertatem; et petiit predicta bona sibi liberari. Maior monstrauit sibi per diuersas rationes quod predictus locus fuit et est infra libertatem Gilde de tempore quo non extat memoria. Et cum predictus Will. percepit quod debuit, uadiauit cs. maiori et communitati pro illo delicto, de quibus, iiii libre

halfpence against the custom of the town on three market days. Therefore it is decided that he pledge £1 for the trespass: whereof he is pardoned all but 2s.

Note that on Monday, on the morrow of St Thomas the Martyr 8 Ed. II., Will. of Waltham of London was charged by the Mayor of Leicester in the Gildhall in the presence of Will. the Palmer and fourteen Jurats (named above), eight others (named above), and others of the community, that he caused 104 woolfells to be washed in Bromkinsthorpe, in a certain place which is called Dubbersditch, against the liberty of the Gild: wherefore he is attached by the Common Serjeant: who answered and confessed that he caused the said fells to be washed in the said place, not against the liberty nor in prejudice to the Gild, because that place, as he understood, was not within the liberty: and he claimed to have the said goods delivered to him. The Mayor showed him by divers reasons that the said place was and is within the liberty of the Gild from time immemorial. And whereas the said Will. perceived that he ought to do so, he pledged £5 to the Mayor and community for that offence, whereof £4 are pardoned at the instance of the

¹ Braunstongate, out of liberty of the Borough according to Nichols, iv. i. 72. See p. 112 above.

condonantur ad instanciam totius communitatis et xxxs. respectuantur. Ita quod si magis deliquit contra statutum Gilde leuabuntur ut purum debitum. [Pledges.]

[Jan. 17, 1315. 1 entry. Jan. 31. Will. le Saltere of Loughborough charged that he offended against the Gild in selling salt. He confessed and pledged 40*d.*, paid 1*s.*, 2*s.* 4*d.* respited, so that if he offends again it is taken as pure debt. Also 2 entries. Feb. 7, 1 entry. Feb. 14. Ric. of Knighton tanner made rescue from the collector: pledged 6*s.* 8*d.* and made fine for 1*s.* The rest to be paid if he repeats the offence.]

Hen. de Staunton qui non fuit in gilda mercatorum aculpatus fuit¹ quod ipse vendidit carnes et allec' per particulas contra gildam: qui venit et cognovit. (3*s.* 4*d.* fine.)

[Simon le Barber charged with making rescue from Hugh of Peckleton, Serjeant of the Mayor and community. Fine of half a mark, respited as above.]

[June 27, 1315.] (2 entries.) Cum Rob. de Lincoln, Brocator Juratus, convictus fuit de quadam transgressione facta contra libertatem et sacramentum suum coram Johanne Alsy maiore Leycestrie die dominica proxima post festum S. Thome martiris a. r. r. Edwardi sexto, qui pro illa transgressione fecit finem maiori et communitati pro *cs.* ita videlicet quod si magis conuictus esset de aliqua transgressione quod predicti *cs.* ab ipso ut purum debitum leuabuntur et de illo debito invenit plegios...et postea predictus Rob. conuictus fuit secundo die mercurii proxima post festum S. Valentini. a. r. r. Edwardi VIII per Johannem de Knythcote maiorem Leycestrie, Laurencium le Seller [and 4 names] et alios de Communitate, in ponderacione trium saccorum et xvi petrarum lane false ponderauit

whole community and £1 is respited, so that if he offend again against the statute of the Gild, it shall be raised as pure debt.

Henry of Staunton, who was not in the Gild of Merchants, was charged that he sold meat and herring by retail against the Gild: who came and confessed.

Whereas Robert of Lincoln, sworn Broker, was convicted of a certain trespass², done against the liberty and against his oath, before John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester, on Sunday next after the feast of St Thomas the Martyr 6 Ed. II., who for that trespass made fine to the Mayor and community for £5, on condition that if he should be convicted again of any trespass, the said £5 shall be raised from him as pure debt, and of that debt he found pledges...and afterwards the said Robert was convicted a second time on Wednesday next after the feast of St Valentine 8 Ed. II. by John of Knightcote Mayor of Leicester, Laurence le Seller and others of the Community (that) in weighing three sacks and 16 stone of wool he weighed falsely an over-weight of 4 stone, and on this he was attached by pledges

¹ *Quod* repeated before *fuit* in MS.

² See pp. 278—9.

vltra pondus iiii^{or} petrarum et super hoc attachiatus fuit per plegios veniendi coram Maiore et communitate die veneris ante festum S. Petri in Cathedra responsurus de illa secunda transgressione: predictus Rob. venit. Et primo recordata est ei prima transgressio et pena. Et cognouit primam transgressionem et super ipsum penam incurratam per plegios supradictos. Et postea super illam secundam transgressionem ordinatum est quod si magis officium (*sic*) Brocatoris in villa Leycestrie vtere¹ voluisset, et de aliqua falsacione tercio conuictus esset contra Communitatem et sacramentum suum, quod daret maiori et Communitati pro illa secunda transgressione x libras, sine aliquo remedio: et predictus Rob. petiit a maiore et communitate quod posset stare ad illam ordinacionem et concessum est ei et invenit plegios de predictis x libris [4 pledges]. Et tunc pro tercio delicto abiurabit officium Brocatoris. Postea predictus Rob. venit in aula Gilde die Veneris in festo S. Matthie apostoli tempore Johannis le Marwe maioris coram communitate et petiit gratiam de lxs. in quibus tenebatur communitati: et ad instanciam Willelmi de Lindrich, Willelmi le Palmer, Johannis de Norton, Walteri de Busceby et aliorum Juratorum condonantur vsque ad vnam marcam quam soluit statim et sic recedit quietus de predictis lxs.

(2) [Feb. 28, 1315, 1 entry, Mar. 14, 2, Ap. 11, 1 bull fine, 5 entries. Robert of Lincoln came into full Morningspeech and craved that he might pay £5 which he owed the community on certain days, to wit £1 now (etc.). And 2 entries.

to come before the Mayor and Community on Friday before the feast of St Peter's Chair to make answer for that second trespass: the aforesaid Robert came. And first the first trespass and the penalty is recited to him. And he confessed the first trespass and the penalty incurred upon him by the aforesaid pledges. And afterwards upon that second trespass it is ordained that if he should desire to exercise the office of Broker in the town of Leicester any more, and should be convicted a third time of any falsity against the community and against his oath, that he give to the Mayor and community for that second trespass £10, without any remedy: and the said Robert craved of the mayor and community that he might stand to that ordinance, and it is granted him and he found pledges for the said £10... And then for the third offence he will foreswear the office of Broker. Afterwards the said Robert came into the Gildhall on Friday the feast of St Matthias the Apostle (Feb. 24, 1318) in the time of John le Marwe, the Mayor, before the community and he craved grace of £3 which he owed the community: and at the instance of Will. of Lindrick (and as above) and other Jurats (the money) is pardoned except one mark, which he paid immediately and so he goes away quit as to the said £3.

¹ MS. *vter*.

Ap. 25, 2. May, 2, 2. June 6, 2. June 13, 1. Robert of Stoughton wheelwright came into the hall and pledged 1s. to the Gild for a trespass committed against the statute of the Gild in buying timber and selling.]

v^o. [July 4, 1315.] Will. Bate aculpatus fuit coram maiore et aliorum (*sic*) Juratorum de communitate quod ipse vendidit vuaydam de quodam extraneo per mensuras paruas et maiores: qui venit et cognouit et vadiauit xli. Et postea fecit finem pro xld. soluendum ad presens. (Pledges.) Et cognouit quod habuit iiii^{or} quarterios de wayda que arestantur in manu dicti Willelmi. Et appreciantur ad vii.; vnde dictus Will. respondebit.

Godfridus de Louane acculpatus quod ipse vendidit Canobium de Hugone de Midelton de Norhamton contra gildam: qui venit et cognovit quod vendidit mercator' de villa et sic conuictus fuit et vadiauit xli. Et postea fecit finem pro xxs. soluendum die Dominica (etc.) (2 pledges) et vnum Bale (de) Canobio de predicto Hugone arestatum in manu predicti Godefridi: soluit xxs.

[Geoffrey of Thorpe for arrears of gild to Thomas of Tamworth by the pledge of the said Geoffrey 5s.

Will. Nel was accused that he abused the Collectors because they took distraint for a certain tallage made to the Lord King; who came and confessed. Fine 3s. 4d. respited unless he repeats the offence. Another similar case similarly treated. A charge of illegal association in trade. Amends pledged according to Gild custom and pardoned. One entry. Aug. 6, 1316, John at the Mill convicted of making rescue from the collectors of a certain tallage in John Alsy's time. Fine 1s. paid in this roll. Aug. 20, 1316. 1 entry. Rob. de Pinchebek for the arrears of his gild 5s. as appears charged in the Roll of Walter of Bushby (ut patet in Rotulo Walteri de Busceby de oneracione). John Black convicted of a certain trespass in the time of John of Knightcote pledged amends and was pardoned for 3s. 4d.]

[Sep. 3, 1316.] Will. de Bourg rotarius conuictus fuit quod

Will. Bate was charged before the Mayor and other Jurats of the community that he sold woad from a certain stranger by small and larger measures¹: who came and confessed and pledged £10. And afterwards he made fine for 3s. 4d. to pay now. And he confessed that he had four quarters of woad which are arrested in the hand of the said William. And they are appraised at £6, whereof the said Will. will answer.

Godfrey of Louvain charged that he sold canvas belonging to Hugh of Middleton of Northampton against the Gild: who came and confessed that he sold to merchants of the town, and so was convicted and pledged £10. And afterwards he made fine for £1, to pay on Sunday (etc.), and one bale of canvas belonging to the said Hugh is arrested in the hand of the said Godfrey: he paid £1.

Will. of Peterborough, wheelwright, was convicted of trading, in buying

¹ The meaning intended is that he bought by a larger measure and sold by a smaller one.

mercandizauit emendo et vendendo Rotas et meremium Rotariorum et uadiauit emendam secundum vsum gilde. [Fine 1s.]

[Sep. 10, 1316. Will. Mayhu charged with making rescue from Hugh the Serjeant of the community. He came into the Gild hall and confessed. Amends pardoned for 1s.]

Will. de Mounsorel aculpatus fuit quod ipse mercandizauit emendo bladum et furniando illud bladum contra libertatem gilde. [Confessed; amends pledged according to Gild custom pardoned for 6d.]

XCIV. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 138 [1314—15]. [Receipts of John of Knightcote Mayor of Leicester from tallages, fines of the Gild etc., Sep. 29, 8 Ed. II. to Sep 29, 9 Ed. II. List of Gild entries and payments. From Geoff. of Staunton and others, collectors of the tallage assessed on Jan. 29, 1315 for a present sent to the lord Earl and for divers debts touching the Community, £20 by two tallies.

From Ralph of Burton, executor of the will of John of Burton, Peter Kent and their fellows, collectors of the moiety of a tallage assessed June 29, 34 Ed. (I.) for arrears of the said collection 7s. Sum total of receipt £40. 8s. 2d. Sum total of expense £36. 9s. 3½d. And so he owes £3. 18s. 10½d., whereof £1. 14s. 10½d. is allowed to him on his account for his labour and expenses. And the rest, that is to say £2. 4s., he shall pay to John Alsby, the next Mayor after him, in full payment (perpacacio) of all debts which the community owed him up to this time.

v°. Account of John of Knightcote Mayor (etc. as above).

Receipts. Of 4s. received from the 4 booths, 1s. 4d. by the hand of Tho. Ernald, 2s. 8d. by the hand of Hugh. Of £19. 17s. 2d. receipts of Gild fines, of £20 tallage (as above) and 7s. arrears (as above)—Total £40. 8s. 2d.

Expenses. He accounts in a present sent to Ric. Foun, Steward, in the week of St Denys's feast, bread, wine and beer. To Rich. of Melton after Dec. 6, bread, wine. To Ric. Foun again. To the Earl, bread 15s., wine £5. 0. 3., 3 carcasses of beef, £1. 12s., 5 pigs bought, 14s. 7d. In slaughtering (mactatione) of cattle and pigs and dressing (reparacione) of the same and for portage to the Castle 1s. 9d. Present to Sir Henry of Leicester after St Hilary's feast, bread, beer, poultry (volatilia) 6d.; a present to the auditors after Candlemas, bread, wine, beer; 6 capons 1s. 6d.; a present to Ric. le Foun¹, Shrove Tuesday, bread, wine; 1 goat 10d. Again at Midlent, bread and wine. In a present sent to the Minister of the order of Friars Preachers on Thursday next before the feast of St Mark, bread 6½d., wine 2s., beer 6d. A present to Sir Rob. de Wyvil, wine; and to Sir John de Kynardeseye bread and wine, and to Sir Henry of Leicester before the feast of St James, bread, wine, and the same day to the Steward's wife, bread and wine. Total £10. 6s. 8½d.]

and selling wheels and the timber of wheelwrights, and he pledged amendment according to Gild custom.

Will. of Mountsorrel was accused that he traded in buying corn and baking that corn against the liberty of the Gild.

¹ The fawn.

Idem computat liberatos Rogero de Pikeryng et Willelmo le Palmer iuniori, pro expensis eorum ad parliamentum de Eboraco xliis. Item eidem Willelmo le Palmer pro expensis ad parliamentum London' xxxviis. vii*d*. Item Symoni de Lindrich, socio suo, pro eodem xiiis. iii*d*. Item Waltero de Busceby xli. xs. vii*d*. in quibus communitas eidem tenebatur super compotum suum. Item liberatos Johanni Alsy xxs. in parte solucionis lxis. ii*d*. q^a. in quibus dicta communitas ei tenebatur super compotum suum. Item liberatos Ricardo de Donigton pro arreragio salarii sui de tempore Johannis Alsy xls. Item eidem Ricardo pro salario suo anni presentis, xiiis. iii*d*. Item liberatos Johanni de Couentria pro expensis apud Donigton circa sectam faciendam pro pastura de *le Couheye*, xd. ob. Item in donis et expensis circa ordinaciones et cariagio argenti mutuati domino Comiti apud Donigton per duas vices et pro scriptura litere confirmacionis ordinacionum xliis. viii*d*. ob. Item liberatos Ricardo le Foun et Thome le Chaumberleyn pro consilio et auxilio eorum habendo quando dominus misit literam suam pro C. hominibus cum equis et armis xviis. iii*d*. Item in expensis Willelmi le Palmer, Johannis de Norton, Johannis de Knythcote maioris, pro negociis communitatis per uices dim. marc.—Summa xxii*l*. iiis. vii*d*. Item liberatos cuidam nuncio domine Regine venienti de partibus Borea-

XCIV. He counts paid to Roger of Pickering and Will. the Palmer Junior, for their expenses at the parliament at York¹, £2. 2*s*. 0*d*. To the said Will. the Palmer for expenses at the parliament at London² £1. 17*s*. 8*d*. To Simon of Lindrick, his fellow, for the same 13*s*. 4*d*. To Walter of Bushby £10. 10*s*. 7*d*. which the community owed to him on his account. Paid to John Alsy £1, in part payment of £3. 1*s*. 2¼*d*., which the said community owed to him on his account. Paid to Richard of Donington for arrears of his salary in the time of John Alsy, £2. To the said Richard for his salary of the current year 13*s*. 4*d*. Paid to John of Coventry for expenses at Donington about making suit for the pasture of the Cowhay, 10½*d*. In gifts and expenses touching the ordinances and for the carriage of money lent to the lord Earl at Donington on two occasions, and for the writing of the letter of the confirmation of the ordinances, £2. 2*s*. 8½*d*. Paid to Ric. le Foun and Tho. the Chamberlain for having their counsel and aid when the Earl sent his letter for 100 men with horses and arms, 17*s*. 4*d*. In the expenses of Will. the Palmer, John of Norton, John of Knightcote, Mayor, for the business of the community on several occasions 6*s*. 8*d*.—Total £22. 4*s*. 7*d*.

Paid to a certain messenger of the Lady Queen coming from Northern

¹ Sep. 9—27, 1314.

² Jan. 20—Mar. 9, 1315.

libus iis. Item proclamatori eiusdem iis. Item tribus nunciis (de) scaccario in festo Natalis domini viid. Item cuidam nuncio de scaccario venienti in septimana Pasche cum ordinacionibus uenditione Bestiarum vid.

[To the Earl's messenger coming with the King's messenger, another from the exchequer, to John le Barbour messenger to the Earl, and to a groom sent to London, carrying a letter to Will. le Palmer, Junior.—Total 8s. 4d.]

Idem computat in cera et pice emptis ad opus crucis 1d. q^a. Item liberatos Ade pictori xvis. viiid. Item Henrico carpentario ad saluo (sic) deponendo meremium de *le Fern*, xiiid. ob. q^a. Item pro cariagio predicti meremii ad abbathiam cum iiii hominibus adiuantibus¹ in oneracione xvid. Summa xixs. iiid.

Idem computat in latthis emptis pro coperacione aule et camere iii(d). Item in clauis idem iii(d). Item ii bollis pro *morter'* iiid. Item in *Euesbord* et *fotinges* iid. Item in *Crestis* iiiid. Item in sabulone xiid. Item in calce xxiid. Item in M. sclatis cum cariagio iis. iid. Item in stipendio copertorii xs. iid. Item in bordis pro hostiis aule et Legis et Latthis et clauis pro proiectibus (sic) aule et camere xiiid. ob. Item in *spikinges*, *Bordnayl*, et in grossis clauis factis pro hostiis, gunchis et vertinellis¹ xd. Item in vno ligno empto pro vno *gyste* ad solaria (sic) vd. Item in bordis emptis ad eandem viiid. Item in meremio pro scannis in eadem vid. Item in vna

parts 2s. To her cryer 2s. To three messengers from the Exchequer at Christmas, 7d. To a certain messenger coming from the Exchequer in Easter week with orders for the sale of beasts, 6d.

He counts in wax and pitch bought for work on the cross, 1¼d. Paid to Adam the painter 16s. 8d. To Henry the Carpenter for safely setting down wood from the windlass², 1s. 1¾d. For carriage of the said timber to the Abbey with three men helping in the loading 1s. 4d.—Total 19s. 3d.

He counts in laths bought for covering the hall and chamber 3d. In nails for the same 3d. In two bowls for mortar 3d. In eaves-boards and tie-beams³ 2d. In ridge-tiles⁴ 4d. In sand 1s. In lime 1s. 10d.; in 1000 slates with carriage 2s. 2d. In the wage of the coverer 10s. 2d. In boards for the doors of the hall and the thwarts⁵ and laths and nails for the projections of the hall and chamber 1s. 1½d. In spike-nails, board-nails and in large nails made for the doors and large and small hinges 10d. In one plank bought for a joist in the solar, 5d. In boards bought for the same 8d. In timber for benches in the same 6d. In one form for the same 1s. In the

¹ See *Prompt. Parv.* under gymowe.

² Query, taking the windlass to pieces.

³ Footing-beam is still used, for the tie-beam of a roof. See Parker's *Archit. Glossary*.

⁴ Crest is used for crest-tile, see N. E. D.

⁵ Cf. *Prompt. Parv.* ledge, the bar or over-thwart binding; cf. Wright-Wülcker, the part of a door which remains shut when the upper part is open, the hek.

forma ad eandem *xiiid.* Item in cariagio terre pro solaro et aule (*sic*) *xiiid.* Item in feno empto ad emplastrum faciendum, *viiid.* Item in stipendio duorum hominum per viii dies circa aulam et cameram *iis. iiiid.* Item in vno homine auxiliando per i diem *id. q^a.* Item in stipendio Henrici Carpentarii operante (*sic*) per iii dies et dimid. circa aulam et cameram *xiiid.* Item in vna serura *iid.* Item in admonicione *de la Barr'* *id. ob.* Item in portacione aque ad aulam *id.* Item in herbis pro aula et camera straminanda per duas vices *iiid.*—Summa *xxvis. viid. q^a.*

Idem computat in cariendo arrenam et sabulonem pro pauimento citra pontem borialem *iis. vd.* Item pro puteo ad crucem obstruendum *vd.*—Summa *iis. xd.*

Idem computat in quatuor garcionibus explorantibus si quis emeret pelles lanutas extra portas *iiid.* Item Patricio Pistori pro eodem *iid.* Item pro mundacione for[or]um bladum et fabarum *ixd.* Item pro vi axis emptis ad metas super forum bladum *vid.*

Item Thome le Criour and Johanni socio suo auxiliante per ii dies in foro predicto *iid.* Item eidem Thome proclamatori per duos dies *iid.* Item Johanni de London pro consilio suo habendo in duobus billis *vid.*—Summa *iis. viid.*

Idem computat liberatam Hugoni de Peycleton & Thome Ernald pro salario dim. marc. Item Petro clerico pro eodem dim.

carriage of earth for the solar and hall *1s.* In hay bought for making plaster, *7d.* In the wages of two men for eight days working at the hall and chamber *2s. 4d.* In one man helping for one day *¼d.* In the wages of Henry carpenter working for $3\frac{1}{2}$ days on the hall and chamber *1s.* In one bolt *2d.* In bringing the bar¹ $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ In carrying water to the hall *1d.* In grasses for strewing the hall and chamber on two occasions *3d.*—Total *£1. 6s. 7¼d.*

He counts in carrying gravel and sand for the pavement on this side of the North bridge *3s. 5d.*; for digging the foundations of the cross, *5d.*—Total *3s. 10d.*

He counts for four grooms finding out whether anyone buys woolfells outside the gates, *4d.* To Patrick the baker, for the same *2d.* For cleaning the Grain and Bean Markets *9d.* For six posts bought for the boundaries of the Grain Market, *6d.* To Thomas the Crier and John his fellow helping for two days in the said market *2d.* To the said Thomas the Crier for two days *2d.* To John of London for having his advice in two bills *6d.*—Total *2s. 7d.*

He counts paid to Hugh of Peckleton and Tho. Ernald for salary, *6s. 8d.* To Peter, clerk, for the same, *6s. 8d.* To the same for his salary from a

¹ The big bar to go across the door.

marc. Item eidem pro salario suo de tallagio xx librarum iis. Item predicto Hugoni pro labore circa eundem tallagium xii*d*. Item pro parcameno ad communem rotulum vid. Item pro parcameno ad predictum tallagium iii*d*. Item pro percameno circa homines iuratos ad arma *id*. Item in vna bursa cum viis. compotorum iii*d*.—Summa xviis. *vd*.—Summa totalis Expense xxxvii*i*. ix*s*. iii*d*. ob. q^a.

XCv. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 9. [1315—6.] Roll of John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester 8 Ed. II. Four payments of arrears of gild-fines. Oct. 17, 1315, a plea for a part of a tanned hide, at the sale of which the plaintiff was present. The defendant confessed and pledged amends according to Gild custom and was pardoned for 1*s*. Dec. 5, 1315. A plea of trading with a son not in the gild; the son enters the same day. Dec. 12, 1315, 1 entry, Jan. 23, 1316, 1 entry, 1 bull fine, Feb. 13, 1 bull fine, 4 entries, Mar. 5, 2 entries. June 18, 2, July 23, 1, 2 payments of arrears. Scribbled at the end, "Abou le Norice, Margeria de Lillebourn, Juliana Aldith."

XCvi. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 74. [Mar. 12, 1316.] Tallagium assisum ad festum S. Gregorii pape a. r. r. Edwardi IX pro vno exennio misso domino Comiti et pro marescallo domini Regis et suis expensis et pro aliis negociis communitatem tangentibus per sacramentum xii Juratorum¹.

XCvii. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 5, No. 111. [1315—1316.] [Receipt of John Alsy Mayor of Leicester from tallages, gild-fines, bulls and trespasses from Sep. 29, 9 Ed. II. to Sep. 29, 10 Ed. II. Gild payments, not added. From Hugh of Peckleton for the rent of

tallage of £20, 2*s*. To the said Hugh for his labour concerning the same tallage 1*s*. For parchment for the Common Roll 6*d*. For parchment for the said tallage 3*d*. For parchment for the list of men sworn to arms 1*d*. In a purse with 7*s*. of accounts (?) 3*d*.—Total 17*s*. 5*d*.

Sum total of expense £36. 9*s*. 3³/₄*d*.

XCvi. Tallage assessed at the feast of St Gregory, Pope, 9 Ed. II. for a present sent to the Lord Earl and for the Lord King's Marshal and for his expenses and for other business touching the community by the oath of 12 Jurats.

¹ Torn; totals not added. About 228 names.

the four booths 4s. For a tallage made for a present sent to the Earl £15, and for the King's Marshal, by the hands of John of Stoughton and Geoff. of Staunton by tally. Received from Will. the Palmer and John of Knightcote £1 by bill. Total £20. 17s. 4d.¹

Expense. Inde in exenniis. [To Ric. le Foun, Steward, bread wine and beer, to Sir John de Kinardeseye, again to Ric. le Foun.] Item in vno exennio misso Galfrido de Walecote et sociis suis venientibus pro prouisione facienda contra dominum Comitem, in vino xviid. [Twice again to Ric. le Foun. Beer at Christmas for Michael of Melton and Elias of Stapleton.] In vino pro receptore, Ricardo le Auener & aliorum (*sic*) de familia domini in taberna; [to the Earl at Christmas, bread £1, wine 8 marks, 2 carcasses of beef £1. 4s. 0d., 5 of pork, 14s., in portage 10d. A present to Sir Hugh de Cully, 4 gallons of beer 1s.]—*ixli. xviid.* Item liberatos Willelmo le Palmer Juniori pro expensis suis ad parliamentum de Lincoln xvs. iid. Item Willelmo de Rodington pro eodem xxs. Item in expensis Johannis Alsy et Willelmi le Palmer ad predictum parliamentum xiiis. vid. Item in expensis Johannis Alsy et Hugonis le mercer eundo et redeundo versus Donigton ad petendum argentum mutuatum domino Comiti, in pane xd. ob. pro se, garcionibus et equis, in ceruisia iiiid. Item secundo die in pane vd. In carne vid. In ceruisia iiiid. Item eodem die apud Esseby lazouche in pane pro equis iiiid. In ceruisia iiiid. Item in expensis garcionum euntium apud Kenelworth cum argento mutuato domino Comiti xiiid. In locacione vnus equi vid. Item liberatam Ricardo de Donigton

XCVII. *Expenses. Thereof in presents.* In a present sent to Godfrey of Walcote and his fellows coming to make provision for the Lord Earl, in wine 1s. 4d....In wine for the Receiver, Richard the Provender-monger and others of the lord's household in the tavern.—Total £9. 1s. 5d.

Paid to Will. the Palmer Junior for his expenses at the Parliament of Lincoln² 15s. 2d. To Will. of Ruddington for the same £1. In the expenses of John Alsy and Will. the Palmer at the aforesaid Parliament 14s. 6d. In the expenses of John Alsy and Hugh the Mercer going and coming from Donington to claim the silver lent to the lord Earl, in bread 10½d, for himself, for grooms and horses, in beer 4d. On the second day in bread 5d. In meat 6d. In beer 4d. On the same day at Ashby-de-la-Zouch in bread for horses 3d. In beer 4d. In the expenses of grooms going to Kenilworth with silver lent to the lord Earl 1s. In the hire of one horse 6d. Paid to Richard of Donington for his salary 13s. 4d. Paid to

¹ Added later.

² It sat Jan. 27—Feb. 20, 1316.

pro salario suo 1 marc. Item liberatam Elie de Stapilton quando Burgenses allocati fuerunt coram consilio domini pro fauore habendo et consilio 1 marc. Item Ricardo le Foun pro consilio habendo de hominibus qui missi erant domino 1 marc. Item Hugoni de Peycleton pro salario suo dim. marc. Item Petro clerico pro eodem dim. marc. et pro percameno ad communem rotulum vid. Item liberatos Ade le Barkere pro emendacione Portarum xxs.—*vili. viiis. ob.* [Payments to messengers, 4s. 1d.]

[Mar. 18, 1316.] [*v^o.*] Expense pro marescallo domini Regis et aliorum de societate ejus die veneris proximo post festum S. Gregorii pape a. r. r. Edwardi nono.

[First day, bread 1s., beer 2s., herring 5d., stockfish (in duro pisce) 3d., cod (mor) 8d., codling (codlyng) 7d., small fish 6d., salmon 6d., figs and raisins (in figis et Reysinis) 3d., litter 4d., hay 4d., provender 1s. 8d., candles 2d., coal 3d., parchment 1d. Second day, bread 1s. 6d., beer 1s. 6d., herring 5d., stockfish 4d., cod 6d., codling 5d., salmon 6d., fresh fish 7d., figs and raisins 3d., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of white powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of draget 9d. In the shoeing of horses 1s.

To the Marshal for fine, £3. To 2 clerks 13s. 4d. For 2 (pair of) shoes (sotular') for 2 clerks, 1s. 2d., 4 grooms, 2s., the crier for his fee, 2s., and one pair of shoes, 6d. To Ric. le Foun for having help 10s. and a basket (flaskettum¹) 2s.—£5. 7s. 9d.]

Summa totius expense *xxviii. xvd. ob.* Et sic excedunt expense recepta *iiiis. xid. ob.* Computatis omnibus communitas debet ei de claro *iiiis. xid. ob.* de quibus denariis debet aquietare communitatem² versus omnes creditores et debitores in compoto contentos.

Box 6, No. 136. [1316—1317.] Receipt of John Alsly Mayor of Leicester from tallages, Gild-fines (etc.) 29 Sep. 10 Ed. II. to 29 Sep. 11 Ed. II. Received from John of Stoughton clerk and Alan Chirrey collectors of a certain tallage assessed for archers of the lord Earl after the feast of St Denys 10 Ed. II. £52. 5s. by two tallies.

Elias of Stapleton when the burgesses were allowed (their liberties) before the Council of the lord, for having favour and counsel, 13s. 4d. To Ric. le Foun for having advice about the men who were sent to the lord, 13s. 4d. To Hugh of Peckleton for his salary, 6s. 8d. To Peter the clerk for the same, 6s. 8d., and for parchment for the common roll 6d. Paid to Adam the Barker for mending of the gates £1.—Total £6. 8s. 0½d.

Expenses for the Marshal of the lord King and of others in his company on Friday next after the feast of St Gregory, Pope, 9 Ed. II....

Sum of all expense £21. 1s. 3½d., so the expenses exceed the receipts 3s. 11½d. Everything being accounted, the Community owes him clear 3s. 11½d., out of which money he ought to discharge the Community against all creditors and debtors contained in his account.

¹ Evans gives it as a Leicestershire word for clothes-basket, but? a flask of wine; see flaskettinum in Ducange.

² MS. *communitas*.

From William of Thurmaston, tailor, Henry Merlin and their fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for the marshal of the lord King after the feast of St Hilary in the aforesaid year: £15. 15s. *od.* by one tally. From Ivo of the Abbey, Robert the Mercer and their fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for the lord King's Marshal after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the martyr 11 Ed. II. £12. 8s. *od.* by (one) tally, and by another tally 17s. From Hugh of Peckleton 4s. for the booths.

Sum of the whole receipt £82. 5s. 4*d.*

Expense de supradicto recepto. Item in expensis decem hominibus peditibus armatis eodem tempore videlicet pro duobus *aketounes* emptis de Ricardo de Carleton xv*is.* Item pro vno aketon'...viii*s.* Item pro vno aketon' cum vno bacino empto de Roberto Hose, xi*s.* [and 8 other aketons and 7 bacinets]. Item in lineo panno et albo coreo pro *aketounys* et bacinis emendandis xviii*d.* Item in emendacione eorum xviii*d.* Item in canobio ad eorum aketounis et bacinis trussandis xiii*d.* Item in duobus *hakeney*s emptis ad eos portandos xxi*s.* Item in ceruisia quando ceperunt viam xii*d.* Item pro uadia eorum ix*li.* vis. viii*d.* Et preterea Roberto de Minstreton extra vadia iii*s.*—li*li.* vis.¹

Expense Johannis Alsy maioris de denariis supra receptis per particulas. In panno empto pro triginta archeris per manus Willelmi le Palmer cs. Item liberatos eiisdem (*sic*) pro eorum armis x*ls.* Item liberatos eiisdem pro eorum vadia (*sic*) per octo septimanas xxviii*li.* videlicet quilibet eorum iii*li.* per diem. Item die martis post festum S. Dionisii quando ceperunt viam versus dominum, in ceruisia

Expenses from the above Receipt. In the expenses for ten footmen armed at that time, that is to say for two aketons² bought of Richard of Carlton 16*s.* For one aketon...8*s.* For one aketon with a bacinet bought of Robert Hose 12*s.*...In linen cloth and white leather for mending aketons and bacinets 1*s.* 6*d.* In mending them 1*s.* 6*d.* In canvas for packing their aketons and bacinets 1*s.* 2*d.* In two hackneys bought to carry them £1. 2*s.* *od.* In beer when they took the road 1*s.* For their wages £9. 6*s.* 8*d.* And further to Robert of Misterton besides wages 4*s.*—£51. 6*s.*

Expenses of John Alsy, Mayor, from the moneys received above by particulars. In cloth bought for 30 archers by the hands of Will. the Palmer £5. Paid to them for their arms £2. Paid to them for their wages for eight weeks £28: that is to say to each of them 4*d.* per day. On Tuesday (Oct. 12) after the feast of St Denys when they took the road going

¹ This passage has been written after what follows, but the letters *a* and *b* direct that it should come first.

² Quilted leather jackets worn under armour.

iis. Item¹ pro eorum cortepiis faciendis iiiid. Item Johanni de Donygton ductori eorum dim. marc.

[Jan. 18, 19, 1317.] Expense pro marescallo domini Regis die martis et mercurii proximo post festum S. Hillarii a. r. r. Edwardi x^o ut supra. [Bread 5s., wine 6s., beer 5s., beef, pork and mutton and white grease ("et albo grassio") 10s. 3d.; 13 capons and hens, 3s. 3d.]

Item in volatilibus pro duobus diebus ix^d. In ferina frumenti pro piys ix^d. Item in furniacione piarum iiiid. Item in cenapio id. ob. Item in cepis iid. ob. Item in ouis vid. ob. Item in caseo vd. Item in porretis pro potagio iid. In farina auene id. Item in Canobio iiid. Item in candela parisiace (*sic*) iiiid. ob. Item in Cera emptā pro torchis et candelis xxd. Item in factura iid. Item in albo puluere et drageto xd. Item in bosco viid. Item in carbonibus ix^d. Item in feno pro equis xiid. Item in littera pro lectis et equis xiiid. Item in prebendo pro x equis vis. ix^d. Item in emendacione sellarum iiiis. viid. Item in ferrura xviid.

Item pro fine facto cum marescallo cs. Item duobus clericis xiiis., duobus armigeris iiis. Item vi garcionibus iis. vid. Thome Mensurario iis.

Expense facte pro Iuone de Wellis, videlicet pro secta sua retraenda xls. Item socio suo pro auxilio suo habendo dim. marc. Item cuidam seruiente (*sic*) de Curia xs. Item Roberto de Croxtone xld. Item clerico senescalli pro xliiii nominibus viis. iiiid. Item

to the lord, in beer 2s. For making their pea-jackets 4d. To John of Donington their leader half a mark.

Expenses for the Marshal of the lord King on Tuesday and Wednesday next after the feast of St Hilary 10 Ed. II. as above. In poultry for two days 9d. In wheat-flour for pies 9d. In baking of pies 4d. In mustard 1½d. In onions 2½d. In eggs 6½d. In cheese 5d. In leeks for soup 2d. In oatmeal 1d. In canvas 3d. In Paris candle 4½d. In wax bought for torches and candles 1s. 8d. In making them 2d. In white powder and draget 10d. In wood 7d. In coals 9d. In hay for horses 1s. In litter for beds and for the horses 1s. 1d. In provender for ten horses 6s. 9d. In mending of saddles 4s. 7d. In shoeing 1s. 5d.

For the fine made with the Marshal £5; to two clerks 14s.; to two squires 4s.; to 6 grooms 2s. 6d. To Thomas the Measurer 2s.

Expenses incurred on Ivo of Wells' behalf, that is to say for withdrawing his suit £2. To his fellow for getting his aid, 6s. 8d. To a certain serjeant of the court 10s. To Robert of Croxtton 3s. 4d. To the clerk of the steward

¹ Item iii in MS.

proclamatori iiis. Item ad sectam domini regis apud Lutterworth Domino Henrico Bonfiz pro favore habendo xxs. Item Willelmo de Skothou dim. marc. Item Willelmo de Rogynham dim. marc. Item clerico domini Henrici Bonfiz xld. Item Roberto Clarel xld. Item proclamatori pro xliiii nominibus xiiis. viiid. Item subproclamatori pro predictis nominibus iiis. viiid. Item in expensis senescalli domini Comitis per vnam noctem ibidem iiis. Item eidem pro secta sua, vnam marcam. Item Johahni Leuer(i)ch attornato pro villa xld. Item Ricardo Burdeyt xld. Item Thome le Vescy xiid. Item Willelmo le Palmere vid. Item Willelmo de Benham xiid.—xvili. xs.

[July 3—7, 1317.] Expense pro marescallo domini Regis per quatuor dies post festum Translacionis S. Thome Anno xi. [Bread 1s. 6d., beer 1s. 3d., herring 3d., stockfish and salmon 8d., eggs 2d., cheese 4½d., candles and wax 4d., litter for beds and horses 10d., hay and grass, 4½d., and horse-bread 1s. 10d., on Saturday. On Sunday, bread 1s. 6d., beer 1s. 4½d., "in carne grossa" (in large meat) 1s., 2 geese 8d., chickens 6d., pottage 1d., saffron and verjuice 1½d., salt 1d. *In crem et streberiis*¹ iid. (strawberries and cream, 2d.) wood, 2d., hay and grass 4½d., horse-bread 1s. 10d. On Monday, bread 1s. 9d., beer 1s. 3d., large meat and geese 1s. 10½d., in galingale powder 2d., vinegar 2d., verjuice ½d., salt 1d., candles 1½d., strawberries and cream 2d., wood 1d., grass 4½d., horse-bread 1s. 10d. On Tuesday, bread 1s. 4d., beer 1s. 6½d., large meat 2s. 4d., 2 geese 8d., galingale powder 3d., vinegar 3d., garlic ½d., saffron 1d., wood 1d., hay and grass 4½d., horse-bread 1s. 10d., cingles and halters 4½d., horse-shoeing and smith's work (marescaleria) 2s. 2d. For a fine with the marshal, £5. To two clerks 14s., Thomas the Measurer 2s., to grooms 2s. 4d., the crier 4s., ½ bushel of wheat 3s., to John of Ireland 2s.]

Expense pro Johanne le Barber et sociis suis, Domino Henrico Bonfiz xxs. Item magistro Thome clerico dim. marc. et socio suo iis. Item Willelmo de Rogynham dim. marc. Item Roberto Clarel

for 44 names 7s. 4d. To the crier 3s. At the lord King's suit at Lutterworth, to Sir Henry Bonfiz for having favour £1. To William of Scothow 6s. 8d. To William of Rockingham 6s. 8d. To the clerk of Sir Henry Bonfiz 3s. 4d. To Robert Clarel 3s. 4d. To the crier for 44 names 14s. 8d. To the under-crier for the said names 3s. 8d. In the expenses of the lord Earl's steward for one night there 4s. To the same for his suit 13s. 4d. To John Leverick, attorney for the town, 3s. 4d. To Richard Burdett 3s. 4d. To Thomas le Vescy 1s. To Will. the Palmer 6d. To Will. of Benham 1s.—£16. 10s. 0d.

Expenses for the lord King's Marshal for four days after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas 11 Ed. II....

Expenses on behalf of John the Barber and his fellows to Sir Henry

¹ See Shuttleworth Accounts, p. 1024, where the opinion is rashly hazarded that strawberries and cream are a modern invention.

1 marc. et clerico suo *xii*d. Item cuidam qui attachiavit Johannem *xviii*d. Item apud Kegworth cuidam seruienti dim. marc. Item tribus aliis seruientibus vis. Item carceratori *viis*. *viii*d. Item pro fine Johannis Alsy maioris *xls.*—*xiii*l. vis. *viii*d. ob. q^a.

[Expenses of Thomas the King's baker and his fellow for a feast, *1s.* 4d., a present sent to Sir H. Spigurnel¹, bread and beer, and to R. Clarel, bread and beer, and to Sir John of Weston², wine.] Item in canobio empto pro banco domini Regis *iiis.* 1d. ob. Item clericis eiusdem loci dim. marc. Item proclamatori de predicto Banco dim. marc. Item nuncio Domine regine *xii*d.

[v°.] [1315–16.] Johannes Alsy maior anno Edwardi secundi nono et decimo.

[Present to Ric. le Foun on Tuesday when the Mayor made oath³, bread and wine. To Sir Michael of Melton, Wed. after St Nicholas, and to Sir John de Kinnardeshey (*sic*) on Sunday following, bread and wine, and to the auditors on the day of the Circumcision, bread, wine and beer; to the Steward's wife on the eve of the Epiphany, bread and beer, 4 capons *1s.*; to Sir Henry of Leicester after Valentine's Day, bread and beer, and again bread, wine and beer, and to the Steward's wife on the morrow of the Assumption, bread and wine. Total *19s.* 6d.]

Expense Petri clerici per duos dies ante festum S. Gregorii apud Donyngton pro litteris domini Comitis habendis domino Ricardo de Edgebaston et socio suo collectoribus *xvi*e, *xii*d. Item in expensis cuidam garcioni deferenti litteras domini Comitis; Micheli de Meldon apud London ad sectam faciendam pro tallagio *xvi*e, *iis.* *vi*d. Item

Bonfiz *£1.* To Master Thomas, clerk, *6s.* 8d. and to his fellow *2s.* To Will. of Rockingham *6s.* 8d. To Robert Clarel *13s.* 4d., and to his clerk *1s.* To a man who attached John⁴ *1s.* 6d. At Kegworth to a certain serjeant *6s.* 8d. To three other serjeants *6s.* To the gaoler *7s.* 8d. For the fine of John Alsy the Mayor *£2.*—*£13.* *6s.* 8³/₄d.

In canvas bought for the lord King's Bench *3s.* 1¹/₂d. To the clerks of the same place *6s.* 8d. To the crier of the said Bench *6s.* 8d.

To a messenger of the Lady Queen *1s.*

John Alsy, Mayor in 9 and 10 Ed. II....

Expenses of Peter the clerk for two days before the feast of St Gregory at Donington to obtain letters of the lord Earl to Sir Ric. of Edgbaston and his fellow collectors of the sixteenth, *1s.* In expenses (allowed) to a certain groom carrying letters of the lord Earl; to Michael of Melton at London for making suit for the tallage of the sixteenth⁵, *2s.* 6d. In expenses

¹ Puisne Judge of the King's Bench, 1300.

² Steward of the household of the King's brothers, *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1313–17.

³ To the Earl, as subsequently appears.

⁴ ? Alsy, Mayor.

⁵ The sixteenth of 1316 fell on the counties, the towns having been taxed to the fifteenth. Stubbs, II. 354. Ric. of Edgbaston was one of the collectors appointed for the fifteenth from Leicestershire, *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1316, p. 474.

in expensis Roberti de Croxston deferentis litteras domini apud London Tesauro domini Regis pro predicta xvi^a, 1 marc.—xvis. xd.

[To four of the lord's messengers 4d., Hugh Lithred when he came with £40 lent to the Earl, 1s. To two cockins from the Exchequer, 2d., and again, and 3 others at Christmas, 3d. Another 1d. 2 others 2d., 3 others before St John Baptist's day, 3d.—2s. 5d.]

Expense pro ponte. In emendacione Pontis iuxta domum Johannis le Peyntour. In vno ligno empto pro Bordis, in sarracione, et in carpentacione iis. iiiid.

Stipendia seruientis et clerici. Item Hugoni de Peycleton commune (*sic*) seruienti pro seruicio suo dim. marc. Item Petro clerico pro eodem dim. marc. Et pro parcameno vid.—xiiis. xd.

Summa summarum totius expense iii^{xx}. iiiili. xviiiis. xid. q^a. Et sic excedunt expense recepta liiis. viid. q^a. De quibus denariis debet aquietare Communitatem versus omnes creditores et debitores in compoto suo contentos.

Memorandum quod Johannes Alsy reddidit compotum suum die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Hillarii a. r. r. Edwardi XIII, coram Petro de Kent tunc majore, Laur. le Seller, Rob. Geryn, Ric. de Minstreton, Galf. de Staunton, Ade (*sic*) le Barker, ad hoc electis, de a. r. r. Edwardi IX termino incipiente ad festum S. Michaelis vsque ad eundem (*sic*) festum anno x^o. Et sic de illo anno, termino incipiente ad festum S. Michaelis, vsque ad eundem festum anno XI. Vnde fuit Summa totius recepti (as above). Et sic computatis

of Rob. of Croxton carrying the Lord's letters to London to the lord King's Treasurer for the said sixteenth, 13s. 4d.—16s. 10d.

*Expenses for the Bridge*¹. In mending the Bridge near the house of John the Painter. In one stock of wood bought for planks, in sawing and in carpentry 2s. 4d.

Wages of the Serjeant and Clerk. To Hugh of Peckleton, Common Serjeant, for his service 6s. 8d. To Peter the clerk for the same 6s. 8d. And for parchment 6d.—13s. 10d.

Sum of the totals of all expense £84. 18s. 11¼d. And so the expenses exceed the receipts £2. 13s. 7¼d. Out of which money he ought to acquit the Community against all creditors and debtors contained in his account.

Memorandum that John Alsy rendered his account on Wednesday next before the feast of St Hilary 13 Ed. II. before Peter of Kent then Mayor (and five others), chosen for this purpose, from 9 Ed. II. for a term beginning at Michaelmas to the same feast 10 Ed. II. And so for that year, the term beginning at Michaelmas, till the same feast 11 Ed. II. Whereof the sum total of receipt was (as above). And so, the accounts being reckoned and

¹ Little North Bridge, see p. 323.

computandis et allocatis allocandis Communitas debet ei de claro liiis. vii^d. q^a, de quibus etc. ut patet supra.

Memorandum quod Ric. de Houby multotiens calumpniavit xxs. quos mutuavit pro expensis de Lacok'. Johannes Alsy tunc maior allocavit predicto Ricardo iiii^s. de vno tallagio quos debuit, de quo Will. del Waynhous et socii sui fuerunt collectores. Et de quodam altero tallagio vis. de quo Joh. le Marwe et socii sui fuerunt collectores. Et de vno tallagio facto pro archeris domini Comitis de quo Johannes de Stocton clericus & Alanus Cherry fuerunt collectores, xs. & sic quietus est.

Expense iiii^sxx vli. iis. id. q^a.¹

XCVIII. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 1, No. 10 (2). [1316-17.] Rotulus Johannis Alsy de Gilda mercatorum ville Leycestrie a. r. r. Edwardi x^o. [Oct. 29, 1316, no entry, Nov. 5, 1, Dec. 10, 2 charges of illegal trade, Dec. 17, 1 entry, Feb. 5, 1317. Charge of abusing collectors of the tallage assessed for the fine made with the King's Marshal. Fine 6s. 8^d. and another 6s. 8^d. respited until the offender again offends against the Gild, when it will be raised as pure debt by his pledges.]

Nic. de Kilebourne aculpatus quod ipse in presencia multorum contempsit maiorem cum verbis maliuolis in contemptu maioris et totius communitatis vocando eum Sire Jordan² qui cognouit [pledged

the allowances allowed, the community owes him clear £2. 13s. 7½^d. whereof etc. as appears above.

Memorandum that Ric. of Hoby many times claimed £1 which he borrowed for the expenses of Laycock. John Alsy then being Mayor allowed the said Richard 4s. from a tallage which he owed, whereof Will. of the Wainhouse and his fellows were collectors, and from another tallage 6s., of which John le Marwe and his fellows were collectors. And from a tallage made for the lord Earl's archers, whereof John of Stoughton, clerk, and Alan Cherry were collectors, 10s. And so he is quit.

Expenses £85. 2s. 1½^d.

XCVIII. Roll of John Alsy of the Merchant Gild of the Town of Leicester 10 Ed. II.

Nic. of Kilburn charged that in the presence of many persons he contemned the Mayor with malicious words, in contempt of the Mayor and all the community, calling him "Sir Jordan," who confessed...

¹ At the foot of the roll. It does not appear whence the 3s. 2^d. comes.

² *vocando...Jordan* added above the line.

amends according to gild custom, found pledges and made fine for 6s. 8d., and by common assent it is respited "super portacione¹ sua per plegios predictos"].

Questus fuit [per] maiorem quod Alanus de Gissi(n)gg stetit cum duobus garcionibus super *le Berehill* communiter per dies sabati insidiando pelles lanutas uenientes per uias et forstallando eas: predictus maior accessit ad eum ibidem et precepit eum ne amplius facere talem mercandisam ibidem per diem sabati: predictus Alanus dixit quod homines aliorum Burgencium sic fecerunt et quod pro se non dimitteret, quare dictus Alanus conuocatus fuit coram maiore et communitate. Et requisitus de predicta transgressione facta maiore et communitate (*sic*) si uellet emendas facere, dicit quod sic, et vadiauit emendas et invenit plegios...Et postea fecit finem pro dim. marca et per communem assensum respectuatur quousque conuictus fuerit de aliqua transgressione contra maiorem et Gildam et tunc predicta marca leuetur vt purum debitum per plegios predictos. [1 entry.]

[Ralph Cokinbred charged that he made rescue from Robert the Mercer and his fellows, collectors of a certain tallage assessed for a fine made with the Marshal of the lord King and struck him against the peace and the oath of his gild. The said Ralph confessed. Fine 6s. 8d.]

Box 5, No. 112 (1). [1317-18.] Rotulus Johannis Marwe majoris de finibus Gilde et transgressionibus a. r. r. Edwardi XI. [Oct. 21, 1317, 2 entries, Nov. 25, 4, Dec. 2, none, Dec. 9, 1, Jan. 20, none.]

It was complained by the Mayor that Alan of Gissing stood with two grooms on the Berehill² as a rule on Saturdays waylaying woolfells coming by road and forestalling them: the said Mayor went to him there and commanded him not to ply such trade there on a Saturday any more: the aforesaid Alan said that the men of other burgesses did so and that for his part he should not give it up: wherefore the said Alan was summoned before the Mayor and community. And being asked concerning the said trespass done against the Mayor and community, whether he wished to make amends, he said "Yes," and pledged amends and found pledges...And afterwards he made fine for 6s. 8d. and by common assent it is respited until he shall be convicted of any trespass against the Mayor and Gild, and then the said mark shall be raised as pure debt by the aforesaid pledges.

Roll of John le Marwe, Mayor, of fines of the Gild and trespasses
11 Ed. II.

¹ *sic*, carriage done by him?

² Or Barrelcross just outside the East gate. Bere=barley; called also Coalhill, Roundhill or Roundell; in later times the Haymarket.

[Feb. 24, 1318.] Will. de Hologate, Junior, aculpatus coram maiore quod ipse contempsit et maledixit communem seruientem et cum allocutus fuit per maiorem de illa transgressione facta communi seruienti in contemptu Communitatis uenit et cognouit et uadiavit xls. maiori et communitati, de quibus xxxiiis. iiii*d.* condonantur ei et dimidia marca leuatur ab eo si magis deliquit contra maiorem uel communem seruientem ut purum debitum. (Pledges.)

[Sept. 8, 1318.] Tho. Fox intravit gildam mercatorum ad mandatum domini specialem, per quod finis sibi condonatur sicut idem mandatum uoluit quod nihil de ipso caperetur. [He took the usual oath.]

Ric. le Rede aculpatus coram maiore et communitate quod ipse maledixit xii taxatores in villa de Lutterworth ad dampnum et pudorem totius communitatis: qui venit et non potuit se purgare et sic fuit conuictus et vadiavit misericordiam.

Christiana le Mustarder aculpata coram maiore et communitate quod ipsa maledixit taxatores et eos vilificauit cum uilissimis verbis in alta strata coram populo ad dampnum et pudorem totius communitatis, que venit et cognovit. [Pledged £5, all pardoned except 6*s.* 8*d.* and this is respited till she offends again.]

Will. de Cloune intrauit gildam mercatorum ad mandatum domini Comitis specialem (and as above).

Will. of Holgate Junior charged before the Mayor that he contemned and abused the Common Serjeant, and when he was addressed by the Mayor concerning that trespass done to the Common Serjeant in contempt of the community, he came and confessed and pledged £2 to the Mayor and community, of which £1. 13*s.* 4*d.* is pardoned to him and 6*s.* 8*d.* shall be levied from him, if he offends again against the Mayor or Common Serjeant, as pure debt.

Tho. Fox entered the Gild of Merchants at the special order of the Earl, wherefore the fine is pardoned him, as the order willed that nothing be taken of him.

Ric. the Red charged before the Mayor and Community that he abused the 12 assessors, in the town of Lutterworth, to the damage and dishonour of the whole community: he came and could not purge himself and so was convicted and pledged mercy.

Christiana the Mustard-maker charged before the Mayor and Community that she abused the assessors and vilified them with the vilest words in the High Street before the people to the damage and dishonour of the whole community; she came and confessed.

Will. de Cloune entered the Gild of Merchants at the special order of the lord Earl.

XCIX. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 77. [Lent 1318.] Tallagium assisum pro exennio facto domino Comiti in quadragesima et pro viridi cera a. r. r. Edwardi XI.

(First sheet.)

<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
		Tho. Wynger		
4	2	Agnes Osmound		2
		Rob. Norman		2
		Hug. de Knythton		
1	6	Ric. le Marwe	4	1
		Emma Tebaud		
			10	4
	2	Ric. le Rede		
6		Joh. Norman	1	0
				2
		Tho. le Louerd		
				2
	2	Rad. le Chaloner		
				2
1	6	Will. de Knythton		
				2
		Elena de Sutton		
	2	Adam de Petlyng	6	2
		Amicia de Sutton		
			6	2
	2	Agnes Gunfrey		
				2
		Leticia de Sutton		
			1	0
		Christiana de Knythcote		2 ¹
		Will. de Welham ²		
		Adam le Barkere		
		Galf. de Lutterworth ²		
		Joh. de Kybworth		
		Ric. Galeys ²		
		Walt. de Quenibourg		
		Matilda Ace ²		
		Mariota de Couentria ²		
		Hen. de Belgrave		
		Emmota de Stapelford		
		Will. de Anlep		
		Joh. de Knythcote		
		Will. de Asseby		
		Ric. de Anlep		
		Joh. de Couentria		
		Galf. de Thorp		
		Rad. de Luttworth		
		Rob. Gentill		
		Nic. le Marchal		
		Will. de Appelby		
		Will. Black		
		Joh. de Ludgate		
		Rob. le Clerck ²		
		Laur. le Seller		
		Galf. de Aylleston		
		Sim. Skyne		
		Tho. de Swythelond ²		
		Will. le Palmere		
		Joh. Copshyll		
		Joh. Fikeys ²		
		Will. le Palmere ²		
		Hen. le Nedlere		
		Will. de Aylleston ²		
		Ric. de Minstretone		
		Ric. Billynges		
		Pet. le Palmere		
		Ric. de Bochardeston		
		Galf. ad Molendinum		
		Ric. le Waterman ²		
		Will. Wrri ²		
		Will. Seman		
		Joh. Galeys		
		Will. de Normantone		
		Walt. de Busseby		
		Editha du Val ²		
		Will. de Suthfok		
		Joh. de Bedeforde ²		
		Adam de Brandeston		
		Nic. de Kyleburne ²		
		Margeria Lomb		
		Rob. de Lincolnia		
		Rad. le Forester		
		Joh. de Stocton		
		Cecilia Blanchard ²		
		Adam le Conreour ²		
		Rob. le Porter ²		
		Adam Skot ²		
		Joh. Felawe ²		
		Will. Tulle		
		Rad. de Osberston		
		Adam de Sileby		
		Alicia Burdeyt ²		
		Will. Waterman ²		
		Rob. le Lorimer		
		Hen. de Barkeby ²		
		Will. Boyst ²		
		Tho. de Wytewyck ²		
		Elyas le Seller		

XCIX. Tallage assessed for the present made to the lord Earl in Lent and for the Greenwax 11 Ed. II.

¹ This may serve as a specimen of the payments. The second and smaller payment is for the Greenwax. All pay to the Greenwax except the Bishop's tenants.

² Do not pay to the present.

Joh. de Gloucestria
 Galf. de Eboraco¹
 Tho. de Kirkeby
 Will. Wynd
 Galf. le Porter
 Reg. Tugge
 v^o Leticia Belleward²
 Joh. Ebroud
 Rob. Fletcher
 Will. de Turmeston
 Margareta de Hodinges
 Sim. de Nouocastro³
 Nigell. le Scherman
 Will. de Thurmeston sutor
 Ric. Sterre
 Matilda le Lorimer
 Joh. Leverich⁴
 Will. Wayn
 Walt. de Hologate Junior
 Margeria de Sileby³
 Will. Mile¹
 Walt. Virly
 Rog. fil. Gilberti¹
 Will. de Scheyle
 Joh. ad molendinum
 Joh. de Diggeby
 Margeria de Scheyle
 Will. Aurifaber
 Joh. de Boseworth¹
 Rob. Curteys
 Matilda Goys
 Hen. Sabyne
 Sim. le Barbour
 Ric. de Glen³
 Sim. le Swon

Joh. Gunfrey
 Ric. le Fissere²
 Reg. le Seler
 Galf. le Seller
 Rob. de Gouteby
 Rob. de Resesby
 Rad. de Moubray
 Will. de Berleston³
 Iueta Adam
 Will. Schep
 Hen. de Scheyle⁴
 Will. de Bracina
 Tho. le Masoun
 Joh. de Hologate
 Alan. de Gissing
 Ric. le Clauer⁵
 Isabell del Olyfaunt¹
 Nic. Aurifaber
 Joh. de Thurmeston¹
 Godef. de Louane
 Joh. de Rodington
 Joh. le Peyntour
 Hen. Winnepeny¹
 Tho. de Wylugby
 Amicia Musbert
 Dulcia Norman
 Hugo le Arwesmyt³
 Will. le Coupere
 Tho. Geryn
 Joh. Geryn
 Rog. Belleyeter
 Will. Sprot
 Tho. le Vescy¹
 Tho. de Merkefeld
 Rob. de Wylugby

Rob. Syre
 Ric. de Skeftington³
 Rob. de Tuttebiri
 Hugo de Skeftington
 Joh. le Aluminour³
 Will. de Anlep
 Nic. le Barkere
 Walt. le Be³
 Joh. le Coupere
 Rob. le Schepehird
 Rosa Burgeys¹
 Ric. de Swepton
 Elias le Tailor¹
 Hen. de Boresworth
 † Joh. Broun †
 Christiana de Thorp¹
 Hen. de Aylleston¹
 Galf. Fys
 Will. de Neubold¹
 Sim. Glyde
 Nic. le Baxstere¹
 † Sim. de Pakynton †
 Rog. Coppe
 Walt. Fys
 Joh. de Sibbesdon²
 Will. de Thorp
 Amicia Geryn
 Joh. de Donygton
 Hen. Eremite³
 Vxor Roberti de Swepton
 Maya Masoun
 Hug. Fys
vli. vs. iiid. lis. viid.

(Second sheet.)

Joh. Becke²
 Rob. le Slatere
 Adam Scapeleri
 Hen. de Skeftington
 Ric. le Glaswrite¹
 Tho. Kelyng
 Galf. de Thornton
 Alicia Iggold¹
 Alicia Flemyng

Gilb. le Hayward⁶
 Hug. Carles
 Ric. de Anlep
 Laur. le Machoun⁷
 Rob. Gardener
 Ric. de Pakinton
 Hugo Dodesone
 Ric. Kyneua
 Hug. le Furner

Will. de Waltham³
 Tho. de Barkeby
 Hen. de Thornton
 Rob. Geryn
 Maya de Quenibourg³
 Abraham de Euenton
 † Rob. Somenour †
 Galf. de Osberston
 Will. le Cock

¹ Pays no present.

² With the next two no present.

³ With the next no

present. ⁴ With the next three no present.

⁵ Nailmaker.

⁶ All this column

no present. ⁷ Mason.

Will. de Keworth¹
 Will. de Lutterworth
 Hen. de Barkeby
 † Will. de Craunford⁴
 Walt. de Houghton
 Will. le Turnour Junior²
 Will. Routh
 Ric. de Craunforde
 Hen. Dowel
 Rob. le Barbour
 Margeria de Melton
 Rob. le Forbour
 † Amicia le Scherman⁴
 Hug. de Carleil
 Will. le Fourbour
 Christiana le Mustarder³
 Elena Bertram
 Ric. le Spicer³
 Joh. Sturdy
 Will. de Stanton et Ric.
 Martin⁴
 Will. de Exston et Ric.
 de Stoke
 Ric. Tableter
 Joh. de Framlingham
 † Joh. Abbot⁴
 Galf. le Lorimer
 Rob. de Burstal
 Will. Blodletere
 Iueta de Ocham
 Alicia de Kybworth
 Sim. Crowe
 Amicia de Belgraeu³
 Joh. de Stouton
 Will. Ouernoun³
 Hen. de Groby
 Ric. Mayhu
 Will. Mayhu
 Will. Aleyn
 Reg. Pestel⁶
 Will. de Wreuelton
 Mat. I(n)gram
 Rob. Ouernon³
 Adam Pestel
 Will. de Broughton⁵
 Will. Vnderwode
 Will. Walrand

Will. le Milnere⁴
 Will. de Holegate
 Will. de Seynlowe
 Joh. de Tokeby
 Hug. Russel
 Tho. de Scharneford
 Will. le Tauerner¹
 Rog. de Gretham
 Will. Bate
 Will. de Hale
 Leticia Legeyt
 Joh. Alsy⁵
 Agnes de Wylugby
 Rog. de Burton et socius
 eius³
 Joh. de Manton
 Ric. de Busceby³
 Rog. de Deuenesire
 Rob. Fode
 Will. de Houghton
 Will. Skoyt
 Thurstan Botilf
 Hugo de Ouerton
 Alicia Fode
 Joh. le Marwe
 Will. de Lindrich⁴
 v^o Rog. de Groby
 Hug. de Sclepe
 Iuo de Abbatia
 Pet. le gardener
 Alex. de Boresworth¹
 Rob. Lewys
 Hug. le mercer
 Will. le fruturer
 Isabell de Bradegate
 Petronilla de Melton
 Rad. Curteys
 Joh. de Claybrock³
 Will. de Kybeworth
 † Hugo de Peycleton⁴
 Adam Herbert
 Ric. le Barbour
 Will. le Spicer
 Rob. le Mercer⁵
 Hen. Merlyn
 Ric. de Tykehill
 Joh. Ledbetere

Sim. Kelyng³
 Sim. Leuerich
 Joh. de Stapelton³
 Bertram de Keworth
 Adam de Foston
 Rob. de Dalby
 Joh. le Chaloner
 Joh. le Blake³
 Ric. Parser
 Joh. de Norton³
 Rob. Kelyng
 Will. Illory⁵
 Pet. de Kent
 † Will. Walseman⁴
 Rad. le Grom¹
 Galf. Ridel
 Ric. Amys
 Matilda Gegge
 Joh. Gegge
 † Will. Haliday⁴
 Margeria de Wyteby
 Will. de Nauenby⁴
 Alan. Cherry
 Elyas Skoys
 Joh. de Stocton
 Will. de Foxston
 Rob. Wantoun
 † Joh. Prest⁴
 Rob. Attehalle
 Will. le Coupere⁵
 Adam le Irnemongere
 Joh. Peutar⁷
 Hen. Flemyng⁵
 Alicia le Barkere
 Nic. le Irnemongere
 Will. de Merston
 Ric. le Porter
 Alicia Ode
 Rog. de Barkeby
 Tho. Mikeloue³
 Joh. Ode
 Galf. de Stanton²
 Will. de Filunleye⁶
 Rosa Ode
 Joh. Black
 Ric. de Houghton
 Hugo de Croxston

¹ With the next two pays the present.² With the next four pays.³ Pays the present.⁴ With the next three pays.⁵ With the next pays.⁶ Fillongley, Warwickshire.

Joh. de Stocton ¹	Will. de Rolleston ²	Will. le Coke
Agnes de Thurkeston	†Agnes le Breuster†	Ric. le Porter
Will. de Rokynham	Joh. Norman ²	Iuo rotarius
Rob. de Holewelle ²	Joh. de Thurkeston	Rob. de Burton ¹
Will. de Bramton	Ric. de Glen	Will. de Clipston
Galf. le Poulter	Ric. de Notingham	lxxvis. <i>vd.</i> xlis. <i>id.</i>
Rob. le Marchal	Ric. Cagge ¹	
Galf. de Kent	Will. le Porter	

(Third sheet.)

Joh. Caritas	Rob. le Porter et mater ejus ¹	†Isabella de Somerdeby ² †
Joh. de Derby ¹	Nic. de Cnapetoft	Tho. Abouetoun
Hen. de Asseby	Margareta Fauceus	Will. le Coupere
Adam Blaunck	Will. le Porter Junior ²	Ric. Godefrey
Joh. Mustreuil ³	Joh. Baret	Joh. le Swon
Ric. Pouer	Rob. de Beby ⁴	Isabella de Beby
Rob. de Stoucton	Will. Croyck	†Ric. de Weldon ⁵ †
Ric. de Knythton	Will. Bonefant	Will. de Gouteby
Hugo de Gaddesby	Joh. Wynger	Will. de Outheby
Elyas de Sytheston	Sim. le Hayward	Rog. de Brandeston
Joh. de Stoke	Bertram de Knythtone ¹	Ric. Freman ⁷
Joh. de Igwardby ²	Ric. de Braundeston	Rob. le Baxstere
Walt. de Asseby	Will. de Bourg rotarius	Joh. de Salloue
Ric. de Manton	Dauid le Coupere	Joh. de Lidi(n)gton
Rad. Cokenbred ²	Alicia de Stoutton ¹	Ric. de Clipston
Ric. de Exston	Will. de Waynhous	Will. le Masoun
Joh. Glide Junior	Will. de Bourg	v ^o Amicia de Busceby ³
Ric. de Neuton ⁴	Galf. de Salloue ²	Ric. de Houby
Rob. de Billesdon	Ric. de Lidington	Galf. Nicole
Matilda Mauueys et filius eius	Rob. de Stoutton rotarius ²	Ric. de Stretton
Will. Ace ¹	Will. de Notingham	Ric. Botte
Rog. de Stocton	Joh. de Wylugby ⁶	Will. Pope
Hen. le Nethirde	Hug. de Braundeston	Galf. Jordan
Nic. Caritas	Rob. Hose	Hen. de Asseby
Tho. de Whatton ⁵	Hen. Page	Rog. le Forster ²
Joh. Glyde	Will. Beneyt	†Galf. le Marchal†
Joh. de Beby	Amicia de Rothele	xlvis. <i>ixd.</i> xliiis. <i>vd.</i>
	Rog. Sweyn	xlii. viiis. <i>vd.</i> vli. viis. <i>id.</i>

C. Mayor's Account.

Box 5, No. 112, (2). [1317-18.] Receipt of John le Marwe Mayor of Leicester of all fines (etc.) Mich. 11 Ed. II. to Mich. 12 Ed. II. (seven fines and the booth-rents). He received from the collectors of a certain tallage assessed for a present sent to the lord Earl in Lent and for the Greenwax at the time of (the coming of)

¹ With the next pays the present.² Pays the present.³ With the next four.⁴ With the next two.⁵ With the next three.⁶ To the end of the column no greenwax, Beneyt and Sweyn pay nothing.⁷ With the next three pays the present but no greenwax. This and the preceding group escaping the Greenwax are Bishop's tenants.

the Justices of Trailbaston, £8 by tally. From other collectors for the same tallage £7, by tally. He received from the collectors of the moiety of a certain tallage assessed for the Marshal of the lord King in the week before the feast of St Laurence £4. 10s. 0d. by tally. From other collectors of the other half of the said tallage £3. 10s. 0d. by tally. He received from Will. the Palmer by an indenture £5. 12s. 6d. by particulars as appears by the indenture. Two other small payments—Sum of the whole receipt £31. 6s. 6d.

Expenses therefrom for the Steward with four men and three grooms Oct. 24, 1317, bread, wine, beer, great meat, and other small things 3s. 3d., in hose bought and given to the Steward 1s. 9d.; to two clerks and his esquire (armiger) 4s., to each of them 1s. 4d. To 3 grooms 1s.—10s. 2d.

A present sent to the Earl in Lent, i.e. 10 quarters of wheat bought and sent, £4. 16s. 11d. as appears by particulars. 20 quarters of oats bought and sent, £3. 10s. 9d.¹ To a certain avener (provider of oats) when he got the oats 1s., and to a certain baker of the Earl when he got the wheat 1s.—£8. 9s. 8d.

A salmon bought and sent to the lady de Holande in Lent 4s. A present sent to Sir Henry of Leicester at Candlemas, bread and wine—1s. 9½d.

He counts in the present sent to the King's Marshal, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 17–20, 1318, in bread 2s., 12½ gallons of wine, 8s. 4d., beer, 2s., herring for Friday and Saturday 11d., hard fish, 10½d., salmon 2s. 6d.

Item in duobus pikerrellis iis. viiid. Item in butiro et lacte iid. Item in sals' ob. Item in feniculo, puluere galentin' et *sucr' plait'* vd. In candelis parisiac', iiid. In carbone et bosco xid. Item in litera pro lectis et equis viid. cum portacione. Item die dominica in carne bouina viiid. In carne multon' viiid. In duobus aucis viiid. In columbellis iid. In feno pro octo equis per tres noctes xiid. In prebendo per idem tempus iiis. In cingulis, supercingulis, capistris, et aliis minutis xiiid. In ferrura vid. ob.—xxixs. vid. ob.

Idem computat pro fine marescalli, cs. Item Ricardus (*sic*) de Kymerle et socio suo clerico, 1 marc.

C. In two pickerels 2s. 8d.; in butter and milk 2d.; in sauce² ½d.; in fennel, galentine powder³, and barley⁴ sugar 5d. In Paris candles 3d. In coal and wood 11d. In litter for beds and horses 7d. with carriage. On Sunday in beef 8d., in mutton 8d., in 2 geese 8d., in pigeons 2d. In hay for 8 horses for three nights 1s. In provender for the same time 3s. In cingles, surcingles and halters and other small things 1s. 2d. In shoeing 6½d.—£1. 9s. 6½.

He counts for the Marshal's fine £5. To Ric. of Kimberley and his

¹ On the prices of 1317 see Knighton in Twysden, col. 2534. Thorold Rogers considers 1317 and 1318 normal years, wheat above 10s. and oats above 5s. meant famine prices.

² Salsiamentum, see Wright-Wülcker.

³ Galingale was the chief ingredient in galentine, which, as Pegge supposes, derived thence its name. *Prompt. Parv.* p. 185. Cf. also *Cath. Ang.* p. 149 where recipes for galentine are given.

⁴ See *Prompt. Parv.* p. 484. But the term sugar-plait is used in America for barley-sugar or pulled sugar.

Item Thome Mensurer iiis. Item garcioni suo vid. Item Thome le Someter xiid. Item quinque garcionibus iis. vid.—vili. iiiid.

Item magistro Thome de garcione, clerico, senescallo de hospicio domini Regis, viis. Item Roberto Clarel dim' marc'. Item clerico suo xiiid. Item proclamatori domini Regis iis. iiiid.—xviiis.

Expense pro porta Boriali. Idem computat in expensis circa portam borialem in meremio empto iis. vd. In cariagio iiiid. In sarracione vd. In bordis emptis iis. iid. In stipendio duorum carpentariorum per tres dies xviiid. Item in stipendio eorundem per tres dies et dimidiam xxiid. Item in c. *Spikes* iiiid. ob. Item in ferro empto iis. iiiid. pro gimellis de Wyketto et pro vno *plate* de ferro et vno *gogoun* et pro grossis clauis. Item in fabricacione dicti ferri iis. iiiid. Item in seruris emptis xviiid.—xvs.

[v^o.] *Expense pro Porta Australi.* Idem computat in expensis Porte Australis, in duobus lignis pro duobus standardis emptis iis. Item Willelmo de Notingham pro opere suo per ii dies, vid. Item cuidam facienti foueas, iid. Item Johanni Tebaud pro vna serrura ad catenas super standardos iiiid. Item Nicolao le Gynour pro reparacione hostii camere vltra portam vid. Item pro *leggis*¹ ad eundem et pro vno *barre* vid. Item pro c. *spikynges* iiiid. ob. Item

fellow clerk 13s. 4d. To Tho. the Measurer 3s. To his groom 6d. To Tho. the Packhorse-driver 1s. To five grooms 2s. 6d.—£6. os. 4d.

To Master Thomas for the groom, clerk, steward of the lord King's lodging 7s. To Rob. Clarel 6s. 8d. To his clerk 1s. To the Crier of the lord King 2s. 4d.—17s.

Expenses for the North Gate. He counts in expenses on the North gate, in timber bought 2s. 5d. In carriage 3d. In sawing 5d. In planks bought 2s. 2d. In the wage of two carpenters for three days 1s. 6d. In their wages for three days and a half 1s. 10d. In 100 spikes 3½d. In iron bought 2s. 4d., for the hinges of the wicket and for a plate of iron and a gudgeon² and for large nails. In the smith's work on the said iron 2s. 4d. In locks bought 1s. 6d.—15s.³

Expenses for the South Gate. He counts in expenses on the South gate in two beams bought for two standards 2s. To Will. of Nottingham for his work for two days 6d. To a man digging pits 2d. To John Theobald for a lock to the chains on the standards 3d. To Nic. the engineer⁴ for the repair of the door of the chamber beyond the gate 6d. Similarly for cross-pieces to the same and for a bar 6d. For 100 spike-nails 3½d. To the

¹ See above, p. 297.

² A pivot-hinge, still called a gudgeon; the pin which a pulley runs on, or the pin of a wheel. Probably used for suspending the drawbridge. Cf. *Prompt. Parv.*

³ For 16s. 0½d.

⁴ Not joiner, see Stratmann.

eidem Nicolao pro emendacione porte Occidentalis et pro vno *legge* et vno *Reyl* vd. Item in factura grossorum clauorum de ferro capto de Galfrido de Staunton, iid. Preterea in reparacione vnus serure ad portam Orientalem que noctanter fracta fuit, iiid.—vs. id. ob.

Expense circa Portam Occidentalem. Idem computat in expensis circa coperturam porte occidentalis, in calce empto xxiiid. ob. In aqua ad exguend' calce (*sic*) q^a. Item pro portacione calce (*sic*) in aiclis q^a. Item pro portacione calce ad Portam id. Item pro M. sclatis iis. Item pro *Euesbord* xiiid. Item pro ccc Latthis xiiid. Item pro lx *fotinges* xiiid. Item pro duobus sperris iid. Item pro cc et dim' *Spikynges* viid. ob. Item pro *bordnayl'* et *Cloutnayl'* vd. ob. Item pro portacione magne schale de domo fratrum Minorum ad predictam portam et ad reportandum iid. Item in Crestis iiid. Item pro cooperacione dicte camere in grosso, viis. Item pro sabulo empto vd. ob. Item pro portacione remanent' sabuli vsque ad aulam, ob. In stipendio vnus copertoris cum seruiente suo, per vnum diem, viiid., super aulam gilde.—xviis. id. [Two visitors' (supervenientes) expenses 2s. 5d.]

Liberacio denariorum. Idem computat de denariis liberatis Wilhelmo de Lindrich per vnam indenturam de finibus gilde, taurorum et transgressionum xxiiiis. iiid. Item liberat' Galfrido de Staunton per vnam talliam iiilib. et dimid' pro emendacione fossarum. Item

said Nicholas for mending the West gate and for a cross-piece and a rail 5d. In making large nails from iron taken from Geoff. of Staunton 2d. Also in the repair of a lock for the East gate which was broken by night 4d.—5s. 1½d.

Expenses for the West Gate. He counts in expenses on the roofing of the West gate, in lime bought 1s. 10½d., in water for slaking lime ¼d. For the carriage of lime in vessels ¼d. For carrying lime to the gate 1d. For 1000 slates 2s. For eavesboard 1s. 2d. For 300 laths 1s. For 60 footing-beams¹ 1s. For 2 spars 2d. For 2½ hundred spike-nails 7½d. For board-nails and clout-nails² 5½d. For carrying the big ladder from the house of the Friars Minors to the said gate and carrying it back 2d. In ridge-tiles¹ 4d. In covering the said chamber by contract 7s. For sand bought 5½d. For carrying the rest of the sand to the hall ½d. In the wage of one roofer with his servant for one day 8d., on the Gildhall.—17s. 1d.³

Payment of moneys. He counts of pence paid to Will. of Lindrick by an indenture about fines of the Gild, bulls, and trespasses £1. 4s. 4d. Paid to Geoff. of Staunton by one tally £4. 10s. for mending ditches. Paid to Will.

¹ See p. 297.

² Flat-headed nails to stud or clout a surface. *N.E.D.* Or perhaps nails which were to be clouted, i.e. the point driven through the wood and then hammered down flat.

³ On the town's patent for murage see *Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1316.

liberatos Willelmo le Palmer in parte expensarum eundo et redeundo cum sigillo communitatis apud *le Pountfreyt* iis. iiid. Item in cera pro sigillo et in vno pixside *id.* ob. Item liberatos Petro clerico post festum Assencionis pro expensis suis apud Tuthtebiri cum quadam litera obligatoria de xl marcis mutuatis domino Comiti, xiid. Item liberatos Roberto Poucher receptori viride (*sic*) cere pro amerciamentis coram Justiciariis de Traylbaston cs. et *id.* per talliam. Item in expensis Johannis versus Tuthtebiri portantis litteras domino Comiti, iiid.—xli. xixs. iid. ob.

Expense nunciorum domini Comitis. Idem computat de denariis datis cuidam nuncio domini Comitis cum litteris post festum omnium sanctorum iiid. Item duobus aliis venientibus ad festum S. Martini iiid. *Gretynge* nuncio et garcioni eius venientibus de domino ad festum S. Nicholai xiid. Item duobus aliis venientibus cum litteris domini Comitis die Jouis et die sabati post festum conuersionis S. Pauli ad mutuandum argentum xiid. Item ix nunciis domini quando consilium fuit in villa pro pixside eorum pictando xviiid.—iiis. *id.*

Expenses for the lord King's messengers. He counts in money given to a certain messenger of the lord King on Thursday¹ the feast of St Martin 2*d.* To another coming from the Exchequer 2*d.* To two grooms of Sir John Weston 4*d.* On Thursday the feast of St Chad, to Roger de Holand of an Archer of the lord King 4*d.* To two messengers of the lord King's lodging on Sunday after

the Palmer in part payment of expenses in going and coming with the seal of the community to (and from) Pontefract 3*s.* 4*d.* In wax for the seal and for one case 1½*d.* Paid to Peter the clerk after the feast of the Ascension for his expenses at Tutbury with a certain letter obligatory for 40 marks lent to the lord Earl, 1*s.* Paid to Rob. Poucher, Receiver of the Greenwax², for amercements before the Justices of Trailbaston £5. 0*s.* 1*d.* by tally. In expenses of John (le Marwe) going to Tutbury, carrying letters to the lord Earl 4*d.*—£10. 19*s.* 2½*d.*

Expenses of the lord Earl's messengers. He counts of pence given to a certain messenger of the lord Earl with letters after the feast of All Saints, 4*d.* To two others coming at the feast of St Martin, 3*d.* Greeting to the messenger and his groom coming from the lord at the feast of St Nicholas 1*s.* To two others coming with letters of the lord Earl on Thursday and Saturday after the feast of the Conversion of St Paul to borrow money, 1*s.* To 9 messengers of the Earl when the Council was (held) in the town for ticketing³ their seal-box 1*s.* 6*d.*—4*s.* 1*d.*

¹ For Friday.

² See note on p. 148.

³ Pictacium or pittacium for a schedule or charter is a classical word, but there is no authority for the verb *pictare*. The scribe has different forms for ut, itt, ict.

Midlent 4*d.* To two messengers of the Exchequer on Friday before Midlent 4*d.*—1*s.* 8*d.*¹

Expenses for the Serjeant and the Clerk. He counts in the wage of Hugh the Serjeant 6*s.* 8*d.*, in the wage of the clerk 6*s.* 8*d.* To the same for parchment 6*d.*—13*s.* 10*d.*

He counts in a seal made to seal the measures of iron, received from Geoff. of Staunton 6*d.*

Sum of the expense £31. 11*s.* 5*d.* And so the sum of expense exceeds the sum of receipt 4*s.* 11*d.*

[Jan. 10, 1320.] Note that John le Marwe rendered his account on Thursday next before the feast of St Hilary 13 Ed. II. before Peter of Kent then Mayor (and five others) elected for this, from Michaelmas 11 Ed. II., to Mich. 12 Ed. II., of all his receipts and expenses as appears above in the Roll: and so, the accounts being reckoned and the allowances allowed, the community owes him clear 4*s.* 11*d.*, out of which money he ought to acquit the community against all creditors and debtors contained in his account.

CI. *Indenture from the Earl of Lancaster.*

Box 13, No. 76 (336). [May 5, 1318.] Thomas Counte de Lancastre et Leycestre, Seneschal dengleterre, as auditors del aconté Thomas le Chambrein et Willelme le Palmer, vendors de nostre boys de Leycestre salut. Aloez au distz vendors sur lour prochein acounte xv*li.* xvi*s.* ii*d.* q^a a paier a Henri Dowel por fein, aueine & feues de lui achatez por les despenses de nostre hostel en tour la mie quaresme lan vnzime. Et lxviis. ix*d.* ob. a paier a meisme celui, por ceruoise de lui achate meisme le heure. Et xviii*d.* por vn veel de meisme celui achate. La somme des parcelles susescriptes xix*li.* vs. v*d.* ob. q^a. Chargeant de meisme la somme Henri de Leycestre nostre Clerke. Done a nostre Chastel de Kenill(worth) de south nostre seal & le seal le dist Henri, le v. jour de maii. En lan du regne le Roi Edward filz a tres noble Roi Edward vnzime.

CI. Thomas Earl of Lancaster and Leicester, (High) Steward of England, to the auditors of the account of Thomas the Chamberlain and Will. the Palmer, sellers of our wood of Leicester, greeting. Allow the said vendors on their next account £15. 16*s.* 2½*d.* to be paid to Henry Dowel for hay, oats and beans bought of him for the expenses of our hostel about Midlent in the eleventh year. And £3. 7*s.* 9½*d.* to be paid to the same for beer bought of him at the same time. And 1*s.* 6*d.* for a calf bought of the same. The sum of the particulars above-written £19. 5*s.* 5¾*d.* Charging with the same sum our clerk Henry of Leicester. Given at our Castle of Kenilworth under our seal and the seal of the said Henry on the 5th of May in the eleventh year of the reign of King Edward, son of the most noble King Edward.

¹ There are marks to shew that the last two sentences should change places.

CII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 31. [1318-19.] Roll of the Gild Merchant in the time of Will. of the Wainhouse, Mayor of Leicester, the term beginning at Michaelmas 12 Ed. II.

Oct. 1318, 6 entries, Nov. 3, 3, and 1 plea of illegal association; Nov. 24, no entry, Jan. 19, 1319, 4; [v.] Jan. 26, charge of trading for three years after the Mayor's prohibition. The offender came and pledged £2 for that trespass and made fine for 3s. 4d. (etc.). [He enters in February.] Feb. 9, 2 entries; Feb. 16, 1.

CIII. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 1, No. 12. [1318-19.] [Account of Will. of the Wainhouse for all fines of the Gild, for bulls and tallages from Michaelmas 12 Ed. II. to Michaelmas 13 Ed. II., received of the same William. Gild payments £6. 18s. 4d.; 4s. rent of four booths.]

Item idem recepit de quodam tallagio facto in septimana ante festum S. Georgii pro molendino manuale et pro aliis diuersis negociis communitate (*sic*) tangentibus per manus Thome de Nichol, et sociis suis collectoribus vnus partis tallagii predicti, viii*l*. per talliam.

He received of the said tallage by the hand of Nic. of Kilburn, Hen. of Belgrave and Ric. Osmund, collectors of the other part of the said tallage, £7. 13s. 8d.—Sum of the whole receipt £22. 16s.

Expenses from the above receipt, whereof he counts in expenses made on Tuesday next after the feast of St Denys 12 Ed. II. for the Steward and his household, in bread 6½*d*. In beer 9*d*. In wine 1s. In large meat 1s. 1½*d*. In hens and pies (piis) 10*d*. In 2 geese and in one porker 1s. 1*d*. In ginger ¼*d*. To Ric. the Cook for his service 2*d*. To Wade and his fellow, Minstrels 4*d*.

Expenses of the Steward by his command (per mandatum suum) Saturday following, bread, beer, wine, salmon 3*d*., herring 3*d*., fresh fish 2*d*., eels 6*d*., a pair of hose bought for him on All Saints' Day, 2s. 2*d*., and for his clerk 3s., in all 13s. 5*d*.

A present to Sir Simon of Baldeston and his fellows, Tuesday after Candlemas, bread and wine, capons, 9*d*., one kid 1s.—4s. 3½*d*.

To a groom after Candlemas carrying letters to Pontefract (le Pounfreit) 1s. 6*d*.; expenses of the Receiver and Steward on St Matthias' day, bread, beer, wine, herring, cod (morue), haddock (*sic*) and hard fish, 7*d*. In salmon 7*d*. sprats (sperlyng¹) and fresh fish, 4*d*., figs and raisins 1½*d*.—2s. 11½*d*.

He counts of moneys delivered to Will. the Palmer Junior for his expenses at

CIII. He received of a certain tallage made in the week before the feast of St George (Ap. 23), for the handmill and for various other business touching the community, by the hands of Tho. of Lincoln, and his fellows, collectors of a part of the said tallage, £8 by tally.

¹ See *Cath. Ang.* p. 354.

the parliament of York 11 Ed. II.¹ 13s. 4d. To Will. Senior and his fellows 12 Ed. II. for their expense at Pontefract on the community's business £3. 14s. 6d. To Walter of Bushby and Tho. of Willoughby for their expenses at London in that year, £1. To Will. the Palmer and John of Derby for their expenses at the parliament of York, 12 Ed. II.², £2.—Total £7. 7s. 10d.

For Hugh Peckleton's service 6s. 8d., and the clerk's 6s. 8d., parchment 6d.

[v^o.] Item computat in expensis circa pontem borealem in tribus postibus emptis pro ponte predicto vid. Item in planis iiii. In vno carpentario per ii dies vid. In vno cementario cum vno homine secum per vnum diem iiid. ob. Item in calce 1d. Item in feugeria empti ad ponendum sub arena iiid. Item in cariagio arene viiid. In vno homine conducto ad implendas carrectas 1d.—vs. iiid. ob.

Present to the Earl, June 23, bread 10s., wine 7 marks, 1½d. Two carcasses of beef £1. 12s. 0d., 3 pigs bought, 10s., 1 pig 3s. 9d. another 3s. 3½d., for killing of pigs 2d., portage, 6½d.—£7. 13s. 2½d.

Present sent to Roger Beler, bread and wine, one to Will. de Cloun, Mar. 22, bread and beer—1s. 10½d.

Messengers. To the Earl's messenger, coming from London, Oct. 5, 1318, 4d. Another from over sea Nov. 19, 6d. The Earl's messenger with one from the Exchequer, Jan. 15, 1319, 2d. Two of the Earl's with one from the King's court, 6d. on Feb. 4. Another from the Exchequer in March, 1d. Three of the Earl's coming with him June 24, 6d. One July 19, 2d., and a clerk of the Exchequer, 1d. One coming with the King's letter July 29 (and 2 others).—3s. 2d.

Expenses of the Steward and Roger de Pikeryng, July 6, for choosing men to go to Scotland (pro electione versus Scotiam), bread, wine, kitchen, and again, bread, wine, fish and eggs.—3s. 4½d.

Nine aketons (price varying from 3s. to 8s.), one bacinet³, (costing in all) £2. 7s. 4d., with linen cloth bought for mending them (the aketons) and for work, 2s. 3d. And 8 bacinets (about 2s. each).

Item in lineo panno videlicet in xii vlnis de Ayllesham emptis pro emendacione eorum iiis. Item in vno linteamine et in vna mappa viid. Item in iiil*i*. de Coton xxd. Item albo filo iid. Item candelis et ceruisia pro operariis iiid. Item in albo coreo viiid. Item pro emendacione vis.—xxixs. id.

He counts in expenses on the North bridge; in three posts bought for the said bridge 6d. In planks 3s. In one carpenter for two days 6d. In one mason with one man with him for one day 3½d. In lime 1d. In fern bought to put under the gravel⁴ 3d. In carriage of gravel 8d. In one man hired to fill the carts 1d.—5s. 4½d.

In linen cloth, to wit in 12 yards of Aylsham (linen) bought for mending (aketons) 3s. In one sheet and a tablecloth 7d. In 4 lbs. of cotton⁵ 1s. 8d. In white thread 2d. In candles and beer for workmen 4d. In whiteleather 8d. For mending 6s.—£1. 9s. 1d.

¹ 18 Oct. to Dec. 9, 1318.

² May 6–25, 1319.

³ Light helmet.

⁴ The clerks seem to use *arena* for gravel, *sabulo* for sand.

⁵ Cotton-wool for padding.

Item computat in cirotecis de *plate*...iis. [and 8 other pairs]—xviis. viiid.

Item computat in vna lancea et vna flecha...xviiid. Item pro vno capite de Roberto le Fourbour ad eandem, viiid. [and 5 lances, 2 arrows and 2 heads—10s. 8d.].

Item computat in denariis liberatis pro gladiis et cultellis xviis. Item liberatos iis. ad locandum vnum *hakeneye* pro eorum armis. Item in ceruisia data eiis quando perrexerunt iiid. Item pro vno equo conducto apud Couentre & pro expensis vnus hominis ad emendum (*sic*) ciro(the)cas viiid.—xxs. xid.

Sum of the total expense £23. 16s. 5½d. And so the sum of expense exceeds the sum of receipt £1. 0s. 5¼d., of which money Will. of the Wainhouse ought to acquit all creditors or debtors contained in his account. And so the community is quit for all his time. This account was taken before Peter of Kent then Mayor (and 4 others) at Lady Day 13 Ed. II.

Box 5, No. 107. [1319–20.] Account of Peter of Kent, Mayor of Leicester, of all his receipts and expenses made Sep. 29, 13 Ed. (II.) to Sep. 29, 14 Ed. (II.) 24 gild fines £8. 16s. 4d. Rent of the four booths 4s.

He received from Will. of Thurmaston cobbler and Will. of Broughton, collectors of a tallage assessed for the lord King's Marshal, on Wednesday and Thursday next after Candlemas in the said year £5. 15s. 10d. by tally. He received from Rob. the Mercer and Ivo of the Abbey for their arrears on a certain tallage made for the lord King's Marshal in the 11th year £1, by tally. He received of Geoff. of Staunton, Will. of Goadby (Gouteby) and his fellows, collectors of the moiety of a tallage of the time of John le Marwe, in part payment of their arrears 9s. He received from Thomas of Lincoln, Rob. Mikelove and Rob. Keling, collectors of the moiety of a tallage in the time of Will. of the Wainhouse, 6s. 8d.—Total £7. 15s. 6d.

Sum of the whole receipt £16. 11s. 10d.

Present for the Steward. Spent thereof on Tuesday next after Michaelmas in the said year for the Steward and his clerks, the Receiver and his clerk, Walter of Bushby, and others coming with their grooms. In bread 6d., in wine 1s. 4d., in beer 8d., in large meats 9¼d. In three geese 1s. In one porker 3d. In 4 hens in bread 10d. In pigeons 3d. In pears and nuts 1d. In white powder and dragets 3½d. In coal 3½d.—Total 6s. 3¼d.

The present. In one present sent to the Steward's wife on Tuesday next after the feast of St Hilary in the said year, in bread 6½d., in wine 1s. 4d., in beer 4d.—Total 2s. 2½d.

Expenses for the lord King's bakers. In expenses of the bakers and provendermen of the lord King coming for provision of bread, provender and hay and for

He counts in gloves of plate 2s....—17s. 8d.

He counts in one lance and an arrow 1s. 6d. For an (arrow) head from Rob. the Furbisher for the same 8d...He counts in money paid for swords and knives 18s.; 2s. paid for hiring a hackney for their arms. In beer given to them when they started 3d. In a horse hired at Coventry and for the expenses of a man to buy gloves 8d.—£1. 0s. 11d.

their grooms in the tavern, in bread 6*d.*, in wine 1*s.*, in three hens 9*d.* And after dinner (prandium) in the Mayor's house, 6*d.* in beer—Total 2*s.* 9*d.*

In expenses for the lord King's Marshal on Wednesday and Thursday next after Candlemas in the said year. In bread 7*s.*, in 7 gallons of wine 5*s.* 4*d.*, in 40 gallons of beer 5*s.*, in half a hundred herring 7½*d.*, in stock fish (in duro pisse) 7*d.*, in two pickerels 3*s.*, in beef 1*s.* 6*d.*, in pork (in carne porc') 1*s.*, in a carcase of mutton 1*s.* 8*d.*, in three porkers 1*s.*, in 15 hens 2*s.* 9¾*d.*, in five hens in bread 1*s.* 3*d.* In partridges and poultry 1*s.*, in one cheese 3*d.*, in salt 1*d.*, in apples and pears 4*d.*, in white powder, dragets and galentine powder 1*s.* 6*d.*, in 1 lb. of wax 6½*d.* In 2 lb. of Paris candles 4*d.* In wood and coal 1*s.* In litter for horses and beds 1*s.* In coverlets (tapetis) and sheets (lintheaminis) for beds for clerks and grooms 6*d.* In hay for horses 6*d.* In provender 3*s.* 4*d.*

In vno croperio (*sic*) pro sella ad sumptarium et in reynis pro vno freno x*vd.* In capistris, cingulis, et in vno pecio de felt xi*id.* In ferrura xi*id.*—Summa xliiis. iii*id.* ob. q^a.

Expenses for the fine made with the Marshal and Steward. For the fine made with the Marshal £2, in one pair of gloves for 6*d.* To the brother of the said Marshal 3*s.* 4*d.* To two chief clerks 1 mark. To another clerk 2*s.* To Thomas the Measurer 3*s.* 4*d.* and for a half bushel of wheat for his fee 8*d.* To his groom 6*d.* To the sumpter-man of the said Marshal 1*s.* To three other grooms 1*s.* 6*d.* To Will. of Scothow steward of pleas (de placitis) on his arrival, in four gallons of wine 3*s.* 8*d.* Next day, that no one may be charged (ne aliquis gravetur) before him nor summoned outside the town, 1 mark. To his chief clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* To John of Ireland 6*s.* 8*d.*, for having his counsel and aid. To Rob. Glover for the same 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chief crier 3*s.* To the under-crier 1*s.* To four grooms of Will. of Scothow 2*s.*—Total £5. 4*s.* 9*d.*¹

Expenses for the Steward. In expenses for the Steward, Receiver and their clerks and grooms on Tuesday next after the feast of St Gregory in the aforesaid year, in bread 6*d.*, in wine 1*s.* 6*d.*, in beer 6*d.*, rice (*rys*) and almonds 3½*d.* In herring 6*d.* In stock fish 3½*d.* In salmon 8*d.* In eels 6*d.* In one pickerel 10*d.* In pears and raisins (racennis) 2*d.* In white powder and dragets 4*d.* In bread for their horses 2*d.* In hose given on the same day to John Leverich 1*s.* 3*d.*—Total 7*s.* 6*d.*

Present. In a present sent to the Steward's wife at Whitsuntide in the said year, bread, beer and wine—1*s.* 10½*d.*

Expenses for the Steward. In expenses for the Steward, Receiver, clerks and grooms and other arrivals (supervenientium) on Wednesday next after the feast of St Matthias the Apostle in the said year, in bread 7*d.*, wine 1*s.* 3*d.*, beer 1*d.*, large meat 8*d.*, 2 geese and one porker 10½*d.*, in chickens 4½*d.*, in salt ½*d.*, in pears and nuts 1½*d.*, in coal 2*d.*—Total 4*s.* 7*d.*

v^o. Rotulus Petri de Kent de primo anno.

In a crupper for the saddle of the sumpter-man and in reins for a bridle 1*s.* 3*d.* In halters, cingles and a piece of felt 1*s.* In shoeing 1*s.* Total £2. 4*s.* 4¾*d.*

Roll of Peter of Kent in the first year. *Expenses for the Little Bridge.*

¹ For £5. 5*s.* 10*d.*

*Expense pro parvo ponte*¹. In meremio empto in grosso pro Ponte iuxta domum quondam Johannis Pictoris et in factura eiusdem Pontis xliiis. In vna serura cum vno *pyn* de ferro et cum haspo ad eandem viiid.—Summa xliiis. viiid.

Expense circa pontem borialem. Expense circa pauimentum ad pontem borialem: in vna carrecta locata per duos dies ante festum Ascensionis domini ad cariandum (*sic*) arenam, iis. viiid. quia cepit per diem xviid. In vno homine fodiendo arenam et adimplendo carrectam per eosdem iiid. ob. In duobus hominibus coligentibus lapides extra aquam per vnum diem iiid. ob. In vna carrecta locata per duos dies et dimid. in septimana ante festum S. Jacobi ad cariandum arenam extra Campum Abbatis iis. iiid. quia cepit per diem xviid. In vno homine fodiente arenam per idem tempus vd. In vna carrecta locata ad cariandum lapides extra forum sabbati per vnum diem in eadem septimana xviid. In vno homine locato ad adimplendum carrectas id. ob. q^a. Item pro vna carrecta locata per duos dies et dimid. in septimana post festum S. Jacobi ad cariandum lapides et sabulum iis. iiid. In vno homine auxsiliendo (*sic*) eum per idem tempus vd. In vna carrecta locata per iiii dies ante festum S. Petri ad vincula et die Sabbati sequenti ad cariandum (*sic*) lapides, sabulum et arenam vis. In vno homine deseruiente carrectam per idem tempus viiid. In empcione L carrectarum petrarum xliis. viid. per carrectam iiid. Item in stipendio Laurencii Cementarii vis. viiid. In martello

In timber bought by contract for the bridge next the house sometime John the Painter's, and in making the said bridge 14s. In a lock with an iron pin and with the hasp to the same 8d.—Total 14s. 8d.

Expenses on the North Bridge.

Expenses on the pavement at the North Bridge: in one cart hired for two days before the feast of the Ascension for carrying gravel 2s. 8d., at 1s. 4d. a day. In one man digging gravel and filling the cart for the same time 3½d. In two men collecting stones out of the water for one day 3½d. In one cart hired for two days and a half, in the week before the feast of St James, to carry gravel out of the Abbot's Field 3s. 4d., at 1s. 4d. a day. In one man digging gravel for the same time 5d. In one cart hired to carry stones out of the Saturday Market for one day in that week 1s. 4d. In one man hired to fill the carts 1¼d. For one cart hired for 2½ days in the week after the feast of St James to carry stones and sand 3s. 4d. In one man helping him for that time 5d. In one cart hired for four days before the feast of St Peter in Chains and the Saturday following to carry stones, sand, and gravel 6s. In one man helping with the cart for the same time 8d. In buying 50 cart-loads of stone 12s. 6d., at 3d. per load. In the wage of

¹ In later records the Little North Bridge.

ligneo de nouo facto et ibidem fracto *id.* ob. In vnus pikosii ibidem fracto *iid.*—Summa xxxviii. *iiiiid.* [*q^a.*]

Expenses of Messengers. Two of the Earl's, Monday Oct. 15, 1319, 4*d.* One after Oct. 18, 2*d.*, 3 after Nov. 1, 6*d.* One from the Exchequer then 2*d.* One of the Earl's before Dec. 6, 2*d.*, 2 cockins then 2*d.*, 2 of the King's messengers at the time when the King was in the town 2*s.* A cockin from the Exchequer in the first week of Lent 2*d.* One of the Earl's before Palm Sunday 2*d.* A cockin from the Exchequer then 2*d.* One of the Earl's messengers and one from the Exchequer before Whitsuntide 6*d.* One of the Earl's in the week of St John the Baptist's Feast 2*d.* One of the Earl's bearing the Earl's letters then for £40 lent to the Earl 6*d.* Two of the Earl's coming July 15, 4*d.*, two from the King's Wardrobe Aug. 6, 4*d.*, 2 from the Exchequer before Sep. 8, 2*d.*—Total 5*s.* 11*d.*

In debts paid. He counts paid to John Alsy in part payment of £2. 17*s.* which the community owed him on his account of the time when he was Mayor £1. 15*s.* 4*d.* by tally. And the community owes him £1. 1*s.* 8*d.* He counts paid to John le Marwe 5*s.* which the community owed him on his account of the time when he was Mayor, and so the community is quit against him. He counts paid to Will. of the Wainhouse in part payment of £1. 0*s.* 5*d.* which the community owed him on his account of the time when he was Mayor 9*s.* 4*d.*, and the community owes him 11*s.* 1*d.*—Total £2. 9*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses for Parliament. He counts paid to Walter of Bushby for expenses at the parliament held at Westminster 14 Ed. II.¹ one mark. The total appears.

Salary. He counts in the salary of the Serjeant 6*s.* 8*d.* and in the clerk's 6*s.* 8*d.* In parchment 6*d.*—Total 13*s.* 10*d.*

Total expenses £15. 10*s.* 1½*d.* (*sic*). And so he owes the community £1. 1*s.* 8½*d.*

CIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 13. [1319–20.] Rotulus Gilde Mercatorum ville Leycestrie tempore Petri de Kent a. r. r. Edwardi XIII. [Oct. 26, 1319, 1 entry, date illegible, 3, Nov. 9, 3, Nov. 16, 4, Dec. 7, 2, Dec. 14, 1, Jan. 4, 1320, 2, (a list of names attached is almost wholly destroyed). [*v^o.*] Jan. 25, 3, Ap. 3, 4, May 9, 2, July 4, 2, Aug. 1, 1.]

[July 25, 1320.] Tho. de Wylugby aculpatus die veneris in festo S. Jacobi quod ipse deliberauit lanam cuidam extranei (*sic*) mercatori

Laurence the Mason 6*s.* 8*d.* In a wooden mallet remade and broken there 1½*d.* In breaking of one pickaxe there 2*d.*—Total £1. 18*s.* 4¼*d.*

CIV. Roll of the Gild of Merchants of the town of Leicester in the time of Peter of Kent 13 Ed. II....

Thomas Willoughby charged on Friday the feast of St James that he delivered wool to a certain strange merchant contrary to the prohibition of

¹ It met Oct. 6, 1320.

contra defensionem maioris, qui venit et cognovit et uadiauit emendas que non dum taxantur. Ideo etc.

Idem Tho. aculpatus quod deberet recepisse de quodam extraneo mercatore de quolibet sacco sibi empto dim. marc. de certo lucro, contra formam gilde et iuramentum sui (*sic*); qui venit et cognovit quod sic fecit extra libertatem gilde et non infra et hoc tendit se purgare secundum consuetudinem gilde, quod non est contra formam gilde. Maior et alii Juratores dicunt quod est contra formam gilde: et habet diem vsque diem veneris in festo S. Petri ad vincula. Ad quem diem idem Tho. venit coram Petro de Kent maiore, Will. le Palmere, Joh. de Knythcote, Walt. de Busceby, Joh. de Norton, Joh. le Marwe, Will. del Waynhous, Joh. Alsy, Will. de Lindrich, Hug. le Mercer, Rob. Geryn, Rad. Cokenbred, Will. de Craunforde, et multis aliis de Communitate et requisitus si vellet facere emendas de hoc quod deliquit contra gildam; et predictus Tho. dicit quod nullum deliquit contra gildam suam ut sibi videbatur; tunc maior, iuratores, et alii de Communitate (torn) [decided against him. To be distrained by a good distress (per bonam districtionem)].

CV. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 3, No. 88. [1319-20.] Tallagium assisum pro marescallo domini Regis a. r. sui XIII, tempore Petri de Kent. [270 names.

the Mayor; who came and confessed and pledged amends which are not yet assessed. Therefore etc.

The said Tho. charged that he was said¹ to have received from a certain strange merchant 6s. 8d. off every sack bought for him as fixed profit, against Gild custom and his oath; who came and confessed that he did so outside and not within the liberty² of the Gild, and this he offered to purge according to Gild custom, that it is not against Gild custom. The Mayor and other jurors say that it is against Gild custom and he has day till Friday the feast of St Peter in Chains. At which day the said Tho. came before Peter of Kent the Mayor (and 12 named) and many others of the community, and was asked if he wished to make amends for what he wrongly did against the Gild; and the said Tho. says that it seemed to him he did no wrong against his Gild; then the Mayor, jurors and others of the community (as above).

CV. Tallage assessed for the King's Marshal 13 Ed. II. in the time of Peter of Kent. Total £5. 19s. 9d., of which was paid to Peter of Kent

¹ See Maitland's *Gloucester Pleas* 154, 496.

² Possibly it is Bronkinsthorpe that is again in question.

Two collectors' names¹.] Summa cxixs. ixd. de quibus liberatos Petro de Kent cxvs. et allocatum est eis pro eorum labore xld. et debent de claro xvid.

CVI. Mayor's Accounts.

Box 5, No. 113. [1320-1.] Account of Peter of Kent for all receipts and expenses from Michaelmas 14 Ed. II. to Mic. 15 Ed. II. 16 Gild payments £5. 8s. od., 4s. rent of booths.—Total receipt £5. 12s. od.

Expenses. Oct. 14, 1320, for the Steward in bread, wine, beer, large meat, 2 geese and 1 porker 10d., chickens 4d., sauce (sals') $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pears and nuts 1d.—3s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Expenses for the Steward, Ric. le Foun, Oct. 21, who ordered the Mayor to provide for his feast because he was coming with his two clerks, Rob. of Gaddesby, Receiver, Nic. the Mercer, and Henry Hereward, and 5 grooms:—bread, wine, beer, large meat, 2 geese and 1 porker, 5 hens in bread 10d., apples and pears 1d.—Total 4s.

A present, Feb. 1, 1321, to Sir Henry of Leicester and his fellow, auditors of the Earl, bread, wine, beer, 3s. 7d.

To the Steward's wife at the same time, bread, wine, beer.—2s. 1d.

Expenses of the Steward, Mar. 30, bread, wine, beer, herring, cod and dried fish, eels and fresh fish, figs and raisins, white powder and draget—2s. 5d.

Present to Sir Rob. de Holande before Easter, bread and wine 7s.

Salmon sent to the Steward's wife before Trinity Sunday 7d.²

Expense pro aula Gilde. Expense facte circa aulam Gilde et solarium, in M. sclatis emptis iis. In calce empto videlicet in tribus quarteriis xviiiid. In sabulo empto vid. In Lathis et clavis emptis xiiid. In pinnis vd. In stipendio Willelmi de Marstone et garcione sua (*sic*) per viii dies et dim., iiiis. iiiid.—Summa ixs. viiid.

Expense pro porta. Item in expensis circa portam Orientalem die veneris ante festum Purificationis beate Marie cum vento fracto (*sic*). In duobus sperris emptis pro emendacione dicte porte iiiid. In vno

£5. 15s. od., and 3s. 4d. is allowed to them (the collectors) for their work and they owe clear 1s. 4d.

CVI. *Expenses for the Gildhall.* Expenses incurred on the Gildhall and the upper chamber, in a thousand slates bought 2s. In lime bought, that is to say in three quarters 1s. 6d. In sand bought 6d. In laths and nails bought 1s. In pins 5d. In the wage of Will. of Marston and his groom, for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days 4s. 3d.—Total 9s. 8d.

Expenses for the gate. In expenses incurred on the East Gate broken by the wind, on Friday before Candlemas. In two spars bought for mending

¹ Put separately and no doubt Bishop's tenants are Amicia de Knythton, Rob. de Milton, Joh. Norman, Joh. Martyn, Joh. de Wylugby, Hug. de Brandeston, Rob. Hose, Hen. Page, Amicia de Rothele, Hen. de Wythcotes, Rob. le Baxster, Patric. de Ernesby, Joh. de Sallowe, Joh. de Lidington, Ric. de Carlton (in all paying 6s. 3d.).

² Underlined and *Summa patet* scratched out.

*legge*¹ empto iid. In grossis clavis de ferro vd. In stipendio Henrici de Asseby carpentarii iiid.—Summa xiiid.

Expense pro ponte. Expense facte pro emendacione pontis Borialis ad capud versus villam in septimana post festum S. Johannis Baptiste in duobus lignis emptis xvid. In iii planchis emptis xvid. In stipendio vnus carpentarii per duos dies pro omnibus viiid. Item pro vno garcione deserviente ei iiid. Item in vna carecta locata ad cariamdam arenam per vnum diem xiid. In vno garcione deserviente ei id. ob.—Summa iiiis. viiid. ob.

Expense portarum. Expense facte pro Boteraciis de Porta Boriali. In vno quarterio et dim. calce (*sic*) empto ixid. In sabulone iiid. In liberis petris emptis xiid. In vno cementario locato ad illud opus per vii dies iis. ob. In stipendio vnus garcionis deservientis ei xd. ob.—Summa iiiis. xid.

Expense pro porta Australi ante festum S. Petri ad vincula, in quatuor peciis ferri emptis xvid. In fabricacione dicti ferri xvid. In *Reyles* et *legges* ad eandem portam et ad portam occidentalem et in stipendio carpentarii xvid. In dim. C grossorum clauorum pro predicta porta viiid.—Summa iiiis. viiid.

Expenses of messengers. To a certain messenger coming from Parliament to the lord Earl Nov. 25, 3d. To two messengers coming from the lord Earl to the King before Dec. 6, 4d. To another messenger at Christmas from the Exchequer 2d. To a certain messenger on Feb. 6 coming to London to the lord Earl 3d. To three messengers of the lord Earl coming from London on Feb. 19 to Pontefract

the said gate 4d. In one cross-bar bought 2d. In large iron nails 5d. In the wage of Henry of Ashby the carpenter 3d.—Total 1s. 2d.

Expenses for the bridge. Expenses incurred for mending the North Bridge, at the town end, the week after the feast of St John the Baptist, in two beams bought 1s. 4d. In 4 planks bought 1s. 4d. In the wage of a carpenter for two days for everything 8d. In a groom helping him 3d. In a cart hired for carting gravel for one day 1s. For a groom helping (the carter) 1½d.—Total 4s. 8½d.

Expenses of the gates. Expenses incurred for the buttresses of the North Gate. In 1½ quarters of lime bought 9d. In sand 3d. In freestone bought 1s. In one mason hired for that work for 7 days 2s. 0½d. In the wage of one groom helping him 10½d.—Total 4s. 11d.

Expenses for the South Gate before the feast of St Peter in Chains, in 4 pieces of iron bought 1s. 4d. For smith's work on the said iron 1s. 4d. In cross-pieces and bars² for the said gate and for the West Gate and in the wage of the carpenter 1s. 4d. In half a hundred large nails for the said gate 7d.—Total 4s. 7d.

¹ See p. 297.

² See pp. 297 and 316.

6*d.* To a certain cockin from the Exchequer at the same time 1*d.* To two messengers of the lord Earl coming at Lady Day 4*d.* To another King's messenger at the same time 1*d.* To a certain messenger with a cockin before Ap. 12, 4*d.* To two messengers of the lord Earl in Easter Week 4*d.* To two cockins before May 24, 3*d.* To a certain messenger from the Exchequer on June 19, 1*d.* To two messengers of the Earl and of Sir Rob. de Holand¹ on June 26, 4*d.* To two of the lord Earl's messengers Sep. 24, 4*d.* To a certain Earl's messenger Sep. 21, 2*d.* To Giles the Earl's messenger on Sep. 23, 3*d.*—Total 4*s.* 1*d.*

To a certain groom carrying letters with the seal of the community after July 3, at Pontefract, 1*s.* 6*d.* The sum appears.

v°. In expenses for the parliament held at London after Michaelmas in the 14th year², 1 mark paid to Walter of Bushby.—The sum appears.

Payment of moneys. In the Serjeant's salary 6*s.* 8*d.*, the Clerk's salary 6*s.* 8*d.*, and in parchment 6*d.*—Total 13*s.* 10*d.*

Total of expenses, £4. 0*s.* 10*d.*³ And so everything being accounted and allowed, he owes £1. 11*s.* 2*d.* And for the preceding year £1. 1*s.* 8½*d.*

And so the total clear for the two years is £2. 12*s.* 10½*d.*, which he owes to the community. Afterwards the said Peter came into the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of (All) Saints 17 Ed. II. before John of Norton the Mayor (and 9 others) and claimed grace for that debt. And as it appeared to the Mayor and the said good men that he was not in a position (*de statu*) to pay the said debt without great injury, he was pardoned all the said debt, and so he withdrew quit.

Box 5, No. 114. [Jan. 31, 1321.] In the expenses of Tho. the Chamberlain for two squires (*armigeris*) and their grooms on Saturday before Candlemas going towards the lord Earl, in bread 6*d.*

Account of John Marwe of all his receipts and expenses for the tallage assessed for the fine⁴ made with the lord King, and for other divers expenses.

[Jan. 13, 1322.] Die dominica post festum S. Hillarii. Memorandum quod dominus Will. Trussel⁵ tulit litteram domini Comitis ad senescallum quod ipse simul eligere faceret (*sic*) de potentioribus hominibus ville Leycestrie ad obviandum dominum Comitem apud Tuttebiri cum eorum expensis pro duobus diebus et cum venerunt

On Sunday after the feast of St Hilary. Memorandum that Sir Will. Trussel brought the letter of the lord Earl to the Steward, that he should at once cause to be chosen some from among the more powerful men of the town of Leicester to go to meet the lord Earl at Tutbury⁶ with their expenses for two days, and when they came there they met Sir John de Mowbray⁷ and

¹ On his desertion of the Earl see M. Malmesb. p. 267, and on his death 1328 *Ann. Paulini*, p. 342.

² It sat Oct. 6 to 25, 1320.

³ It is £4. 0*s.* 10½*d.* if the salmon, price 7*d.*, be omitted as directed above.

⁴ For the Earl of Lancaster's rebellion £200, see below.

⁵ One of Edward II.'s most determined opponents. See *Cal. Close Rolls*, M. Malmesb. etc.

⁶ The Earl was engaged in an unsuccessful attempt to succour the Earl of Hereford in the Marches. He was probably at Bridgnorth, where he was resisted by the Mortimers.

⁷ On the reasons why he joined Lancaster see M. Malmesb. pp. 254—5.

ibi invenerunt dominum Johannem de Moubray et non dominum Comitem et ideo redierunt contra voluntatem dicti domini Willelmi, et recepit pro vadiis illorum qui recipere voluerunt xvs. iiid. Et postea perrexit apud Ponfreyt et fecit intelligere domino Comiti quod homines Leycestrie contempserunt mandata sua et quod non fuerunt de bona uoluntate uersus ipsum. Et super hoc tulit litteram domini Comitis Maiori et Communitate de minis die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Valentini, ad quem diem maior misit ad eum exhennium. In pane viid. ob. In vino xvid. Et eodem tempore tulit litteram domini Comitis quod omnes homines fuerint intendentes dicto domino Willelmo et sub custodia sua: et tunc pro consilio et auxilio habendo habuit de Communitate 1 marc. Interim venit quedam littera Ricardo le Foun senescallo et Thome Chaumberleyn quod ipsi eligere fecerint omnes homines potentes de villa Leycestrie simul cum aliis de Libertate veniend' apud Pounfreit contra Scotos: et quia (*sic*) debuerunt esse fauorabiles in electione vterque habuit xxs. Item eodem tempore Petro Tengy pro expensis suis uersus Pounfreit cum una littera iis. Item eodem tempore in expensis Johannis de Holand uersus dominum Regem ad inquirendum

not the lord Earl, and therefore they came back, against the wish of the said Sir William, and he received for the wages of those who wished to receive them 15s. 3d., and afterwards he went to Pontefract and told the lord Earl that the men of Leicester despised his commands and that they bore him no good will¹. And hereupon he brought a letter of the lord Earl to the Mayor and community with threats, on Wednesday next before the feast of St Valentine, on which day the Mayor sent a present to him: in bread 7½d., in wine 1s. 4d.; and at the same time he brought a letter of the lord Earl's to say that all men were to be obedient to the said William and under his control: and then, in order to get his counsel and aid, he had from the community 13s. 4d. Meanwhile there came a certain letter to Richard le Foun the Steward, and to Thomas the Chamberlain, that they should cause all the powerful men of the town of Leicester to be chosen, together with others of the Liberty, to come to Pontefract against the Scotch²; and that they should be favourable (to the town) in their choice, both had 20s. At the same time to Peter Tengy for his expenses going to Pontefract with a letter 2s. At the same time in the expenses of John de Holland going towards the lord King to enquire

¹ The Earl's fortunes were now at a low ebb. At the end of February he was obliged to fly and on Mar. 16, 1322 Boroughbridge was fought.

² Or rather to support the Earl against the King.

noua xxid. : dum rex fuit in partibus Gloucestrie. Item alia vice in expensis suis uersus partibus (*sic*) predictis xviii*d.* pro eadem causa. Item in expensis cuiusdam garcionis deferentis litteram domino Comiti apud Ponfreit die sabbati ante festum S. Petri in Cathedra per preceptum senescalli et domini W. Trusel xx*d.* Item die dominica sequente in expensis domini W. Trussel, Ricardi Foun, Thome Chamberleyn et aliorum de familia domini Comitis in taberna Walteri de Busceby in vino ix*d.* Item eodem die in vno equo allocato ad opus Rogeri de Someruil apud Notingham xii*d.* Item eodem die pro vna billa ordinanda in presencia Johannis Alsy, Roberti de Stretton, Joh. le Lorimer, Rad. de Burton et aliorum, in vino in taberna Willelmi de Graham ix*d.* Item in expensis Radulfi de Burton deferentis predictam billam ad dominum Regem apud Westtone vnder Egge pro expensis et labore suo xis. viii*d.* Item in vno equo allocato sibi xii*d.* Item in expensis Johannis Legeit ad pergendum ibidem per duas vices iiis. Item die Jouis post festum S. Mathie apostoli dominus Will. Trussel et Ric. Foun mandauerunt maiorem, Walterum de Buscheby et alios quod venirent apud *le Loge* ad habendum colloquium cum eiis, et quod mandauerint ibi duas lagenas vini pro quo maior soluit xii*d.* Item eodem die in vno

news 1*s.* 9*d.* while the King was in the neighbourhood of Gloucester¹. At another time in their expenses going to the aforesaid parts 1*s.* 6*d.* for the same purpose. In the expenses of a certain groom carrying a letter to the Earl at Pontefract on Saturday before the feast of St Peter's Chair (Feb. 20), by command of the Steward and Sir W. Trussel, 1*s.* 8*d.* On Sunday following, in the expenses of Sir W. Trussel, Ric. Foun, Tho. the Chamberlain and others of the household of the lord Earl in the tavern of W. of Bushby, in wine 9*d.* On the same day for a horse hired for the use of Roger of Somerville at Nottingham 1*s.* On the same day for ordering a bill in the presence of John Alsy, Robert of Stretton, John the Lorimer, Ralph of Burton and others, in wine in the tavern of Will. of Grantham 9*d.* In the expenses of Ralph of Burton bearing the said bill to the lord King at Weston-under-Edge², for his expenses and labour 11*s.* 8*d.* In a horse hired for him 1*s.* In the expenses of John Legeit going thither twice over 3*s.* On Thursday after the feast of St Matthias the Apostle (Feb. 25), Sir Will. Trussel and Ric. Foun commanded the Mayor, Walter of Bushby, and others that they should come to the Lodge to have colloquy with them, and that they should send there two gallons of wine, for which the Mayor paid 1*s.* On

¹ Where on Feb. 11 he felt himself strong enough to recall his favourites the Despensers. The town was anxious to join the winning side.

² Cf. *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1322, pp. 422—6.

potello vini pro subvicecomite et Roberto del Rowedick *iiid.* Item die dominica sequente in vno potello vini pro eiisdem *iiid.* Item die sabbati, dominica, et die lune in prima septimana quadragesime: in vino pro militibus et armigeris de hospicio domini Regis et domini Hugonis le Dispenser, venientibus et euntibus in villa, videlicet pro *iiii^{or}* lagenis et i quart *iis. id. ob.* Item in expensis Petri Tengy eodem tempore uersus le Ponfreit cum vna littera domino Comiti per ix dies eundo et redeundo *iis. vd.* Item in expensis Johannis de Holand ad idem tempus apud Weston vnder Ege et apud Couentriam, ad inquirendum noua per vii dies, *xxid.* Item Pycardo sutori pro expensis suis apud Mirovalle ad explorandum noua *vd.* Item eidem pro expensis suis apud Boseworth alia vice *iiiiid.* In expensis Johannis de Holande deferentis vnam litteram custodi nostro apud Eboracum de eo quod Ric. de Belegraue et alii de patria voluerunt attraere vicus (*sic*) qui dicitur Belgrauegate in Leycestria ad patriam ad contribuciones et tallagia facienda cum eiis *xxiid.* In expensis Will. de Kibbeworth clerici vicecomitis et sociis suis pro eorum gentaculo quando perrexerunt apud Touthebiri *vid.* Et eidem Willelmo deferenti nomina hominum ville, pro expensis ibidem *xiid.* In expensis Johannis Steyl ad portandum inquisitionem vicecomitis

the same day in one pottle of wine for the under sheriff and Robert of the Row Dyke¹ *3d.* On Sunday following in one pottle of wine for the same *3d.* On Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the first week of Lent, in wine for the knights and squires from the household of the lord King and of Sir Hugh le Despenser, coming and going in the town, that is to say for four gallons and one quart *2s. 1½d.* In the expenses of Peter Tengy at the same time going to Pontefract with a letter to the lord Earl, spending nine days in going and coming *2s. 5d.* In the expenses of John de Holand at the same time at Weston-under-Edge and at Coventry², enquiring news for seven days, *1s. 9d.* To Pickard the cobbler for his expenses at Merivale finding out news *5d.* To the same for his expenses at Bosworth another time *4d.* In the expenses of John de Holande carrying a letter to our warden at York, concerning the fact that Ric. of Belgrave and others of the neighbourhood wished to draw the street which is called Belgravegate in Leicester to the county, for making contributions and tallages with them *1s. 10d.* In the expenses of Will. of Kibworth clerk of the Sheriff and his fellows for their feast when they went to Tutbury *6d.* And to the same Will. carrying the names of the men of the town, for expenses there *1s.* In the expenses of John Steel for carrying the

¹ Now the Raw Dykes.

² On Feb. 28 the King called a general levy to Coventry to intercept the Earl of Lancaster.

de hiis qui indictati fuerunt de Parco de Loughthebourg viiid.—
?Summa cviiis. iiid.

Tho. le Rous vicecomes venit in septimana ante carni priuim cum commissione sua ad habendum omnes illos infra duas etates in auxilio domini Regis contra rebelles et inimicos suos cum eorum expensis xv dierum. Et eodem die maior misit ad eum vnum exhennium per consilium proborum hominum. In pane xiiid. In vino xvid. In ceruisia viiid. Et postea in presencia Johannis Alsy, Will. le Palmere, Rob. de Ouertone, et Joh. de Scharneford qui venerunt cum maiore in societate sua, concessit quod allegaret totam villam pro L hominibus et quod erat de auxilio et consilio communitalis, et pro illa concessione Communitas dedit ei xls. Et Johanni Sotemay subuicecomiti xxs. Item eodem die Joh. de Sadington habuit dim. marc. pro auxilio suo habendo uersus dominum Regem, in presencia Walteri de Busceby et aliorum bonorum virorum.

Expense pro L hominibus. Rob. le Porter vintenarius recepit pro se et vintenaria sua, prima dominica quadragesime, pro xiiii diebus ciis. viiid. quia quatuor fuerunt equites. Walt. le Taillour vintenarius recepit pro se et vintenaria sua per idem tempus iiiid. xvs. viiid.

inquest of the Sheriff of those who were indicted concerning the Park of Loughborough 8d.—? Total £5. 8s. 3d.¹

Thomas le Rous Sheriff² came in the week before Shroveday³ with his commission to have all those persons between two limits of age, in aid of the lord King against the rebels and his enemies, with their expenses for 15 days. And on that same day the Mayor sent him a present by the advice of honest men, in bread 1s. 1d., wine 1s. 4d., beer 8d. And afterwards in the presence of John Alsy, Will. the Palmer, Rob. of Overton and John of Sharnford, who came with the Mayor in his company, he agreed that he would let off the whole town for 50 men and that he would help and advise the community, and for this concession the community gave him £2. And to John Sotemay the Under Sheriff £1. On the same day John of Saddington had half a mark for obtaining his help in dealing with the lord King, in the presence of Walter of Bushby and other good men.

Expenses for the 50 men. Rob. the Porter, vintner, received for himself and his tavern, on the first Sunday of Lent for 14 days £5. 2s. 8d. because there were four horsemen. Walter the Tailor, vintner, received for himself and his tavern for the same time £4. 15s. 8d. Rob. of Willoughby received for

¹ I make it £4. 7s. 8d.

² See Nichols' list, iv. 455. And *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1322, p. 517, for the order to enter the liberty.

³ Which fell on Feb. 23.

Rob. de Wilugby recepit pro se et ix sociis suis per tempus supradictum xlviii. *xd.* Hen. Merlin, constabularius, recepit pro vadiis suis per idem tempus vii. Item pro panno empto ad Penecellos eorum *vid.* Item fratribus predicatoribus pro procuracione eorum uersus confessorem domini Regis quod ipse esset pro villa erga dominum Regem *xls.* Item Galfrido de Skefington pro auxilio suo habendo uersus dominum Regem ad finem pro villa faciend' *cs.* Item pro fine facta cum domino Rege *ccli.* In expensis dictorum denariorum cariad'. In cauence pro saccis et filo *iiiiid. ob.* In expensis Roberti de Stretto(n) pro parte denariorum cariad' die sabbati in festo S. Cutberti in societate domini Radulfi Basset *xxs.* In expensis Johannis de Scharneford, Ric. de Tikhull, Will. Routh, Tho. Daubeneye cum equo suo, pro denariis portandis *viii. iiiid.* Item in expensis omni residuo denariorum die dominica sequente cariad' per Tho. Vescy, Rad. Cokenbred, Rob. le Porter [and 4 others] *xiii.* In tribus equis allocatis ad opus eorum qui non habuerunt *iiis.* Item in expensis in pane et ceruisia antequam perrexerunt *vid.* Item pro armis domini Regis faciend' ad quatuor portas *xviiiid.*—Summa *ccxxvli. xs. id. ob.*

[*Tallagium.*] Joh. de Derby et Galf. de Staunton electi ut¹ nomina eorum retournarent ad parliamentum tentum apud Eboracum; et

himself and his nine fellows during the said time *£2. 7s. 10d.* Hen. Merlin the constable received for his wages during the same time *7s.* For cloth bought for their pennons *6d.* To the Friars Preachers for their arrangement with the King's Confessor that he would be on the town's side with the lord King *£2.* Geoff. of Skeffington for getting his help with the lord King about making fine for the town *£5.* For the fine made with the lord King *£200.* In expenses of carrying the said moneys. In canvas for sacks and for thread *4½d.* In the expenses of Robert of Stretton for carrying a part of the money on Saturday the feast of St Cuthbert (Mar. 20) in the company of Sir Ralph Basset *£1.* In the expenses of John of Sharnford, Richard of Tickhill, Will. Routh, Tho. Daubeney with his horse, for carrying money *8s. 4d.* In the expenses for carrying all the rest of the money on Sunday following, by (7 persons) *13s.* In three horses hired for the use of those who had none *3s.* In expenses in bread and beer before they went *6d.* For making the lord King's arms on the four gates *1s. 6d.*—Total *£225. 10s. 1½d.*

[*Tallage.*] John of Derby and Geoff. of Staunton were chosen to return their (the burgesses') names to the parliament held at York²: and they had

¹ MS. &.

² It met May 2-19, 1322. This was the parliament in which the barons' Ordinances were repealed.

habuerunt pro expensis eorum vii*li*. Tho. le Rous vicecomes habuit breue domini Regis ad venire faciendum omnes mercatores lanarum, apud Eboracum, et quia retornauit nomina duorum hominum habuit vnam marcam. In expensis Johannis Haliday quando venit de Custode nostro ad consurgendum¹ inquisitionem de prauis consuetudinibus, qui precepit per litteram suam quod honeste fuerint (*sic*) recept': ideo missus (*sic*) fuit ei vna lagena vini pro viii*d*. Item eidem ad reportandum inquisitionem et pro secta sua in Cancelario xxs. Item in expensis Ricardi Cagge et Thome Martyn electi (*sic*) ad proficiscendum apud Eboracum pro mercatoribus lane de villa Leycestrie per breue domini Regis xxixs. Item cuidam garcioni deferenti vnam litteram apud Eboracum Johanni de Derby et Galfrido de Stanton ad parliamentum iis. Item iidem Joh. et Galf. assignauerunt Willelmum de Kaythorp ad prosequendum quoddam breue extra parliamentum et pro secta sua et expensis circa illud breue viiis.—Summa xi*li*. xiiis.—Summa istius partis ccxlii*li*. xis. iiid. ob.

v°. In a present sent to Sir Ralph Basset on Thursday next before the feast of St Edward, in bread 6*s*. 8*d*., in beer 5*s*., in 8 quarters of oats £1. 16*s*. 0*d*.² In the carrying of oats, bread and beer 4½*d*.—Total £2. 8*s*. 0½*d*.

Ap. 17, a present sent to Roger Beler³, bread 3*s*. 4*d*., wine 4*s*., beer 1*s*., 1½ quarters of oats 8*s*. 9*d*., and again 4 gallons of wine 2*s*. 8*d*.—Total 19*s*. 9*d*. And to Sir Hugh of Prestwold, bread and wine 1*s*. 11*d*.

for their expenses £8. Tho. le Rous the Sheriff had the lord King's writ to cause all the wool-merchants to come to York, and because he returned the names of two men, he had one mark. In the expenses of John Haliday, when he came from our keeper to arrange an inquest about bad customs⁴, who ordered by his letter that they should be honourably received: therefore a gallon of wine was sent to him for 8*d*. To the same for carrying back the inquest and for his suit in the Chancery £1. In the expenses of Ric. Cagge and Tho. Martin chosen to proceed to York for the wool-merchants of the town of Leicester by writ of the lord King £1. 9*s*. 0*d*. To a certain groom for carrying a letter to York to John of Derby and Geoff. of Staunton at parliament 2*s*. The same John and Geoffrey assigned Will. of Keythorpe to sue a certain writ outside parliament and for his suit and expenses concerning that writ 8*s*. Total £11. 13*s*. 0*d*. Sum of this part £242. 11*s*. 4½*d*.

¹ For *consurgendum*.

² On the high prices of 1321, 1322 see Thorold Rogers, *Prices* i. 200.

³ See Calendar of Ancient Deeds C. 2837. A receipt from Roger Beler to Sir Will. Davy the King's receiver for Tutbury and Leicester for £200 of silver out of the proceeds of his bailiwick 16 Ed. II. He was appointed receiver of the Earl's lands in the county of Leicester on the Earl's death. Cf. *Cal. Close Rolls*.

⁴ The Ordinances had abolished the "nova custuma," in 1322 they were restored. The parliament also relaxed the statute of Acton Burnell.

Item in vno exhennio facto vicecomiti de Somersete qui cum magno populo hosp[it]auit in villa. In seruisia xiid. Summa patet.

Item in vno exhennio misso domino Rowald de Richemond, Thome de Dunstable, et domino Ricardi (*sic*) de Meki(n)gton qui venerunt ad scrutandum Domum S. Johannis. In vino xvid. In ipotecariis iiiid.—Summa xx*d*.

In a present sent to Sir Robert of Silkstone and Sir Henry of Leicester, Auditors of the lord King¹ on June 27, in bread 1*s*. 3*d*., in wine 2*s*. 6*d*.—Total 3*s*. 9*d*.

In a present sent to Robert the Waterman on Aug. 4, in bread 2*s*. 2*d*., in 6 gallons of wine 3*s*. 6*d*.—Total 5*s*. 8*d*.

In secret and necessary expenses £1. 13*s*. 5*d*. The sum appears.

Expenses of messengers at the lord King's time. On Ap. 4 to two messengers of the lord King 8*d*. On Ap. 11 to Michelet and Madoc, two of the lord King's runners, 4*d*. On Ap. 13 to Robert of Thame, the lord King's messenger, 4*d*. To five of the lord King's runners after the feast of St Edward 1*s*. To Ralph Donald coming on Monday after Midlent with two horses. In the expenses for himself and his groom and his horses 11½*d*. In money given to the same 3*s*. 4*d*. On Tuesday following to two cockins from the Exchequer 4*d*. To two other cockins coming on Hokeday 2*d*. To Roger Woodman, who carried the writ to the Mayor and community for having aid in Scotland², 6*d*. To the same when he came to have answer 4*d*. To a certain Robert le Hunte, cockin from the Exchequer, 1*d*. On May 13 to a certain messenger from the Exchequer 2*d*. To two messengers on May 16, who carried a letter with the Great Seal, to deliver a copy of the misdeeds and seductions of the lord Earl, 6*d*. To two cockins on May 21, 4*d*. On June 1 to three runners 3*d*. On Mar. 2³ to one cockin 2*d*. On June 11 to Thomas of Bristol, runner, 2*d*. To 2 runners on July 4, 3*d*. On July 16 to a certain other runner 2*d*. On July 18 to Richard of Werrington, runner, 2*d*. On July 29 to a certain messenger from the Wardrobe 2*d*. On Sep. 15 to a certain messenger of Sir Thomas of Brotherton⁴ 2*d*.—Total 10*s*. 4½*d*.

Expense pro virida (*sic*) *cera*. Item die veneris in septimana Pentecostes in expensis Johannis Sotemay, Roberti del Roudick, Rogeri de Sitheston, Will. de Kibworth et Tho. de Roule quando petierunt

In a present made to the Sheriff of Somerset⁵, who with a large following lodged in the town. In beer 1*s*. The sum appears.

In a present sent to Sir Roald of Richmond and Thos. of Dunstable and Sir Richard of Mekington(?), who came to examine the house of St John⁶. In wine 1*s*. 4*d*., in spices 4*d*.—Total 1*s*. 8*d*.

*Expenses for the Greenwax*⁷. On Friday in Whitsunweek, in the expenses of John Sotemay, Robert of the Row Dike, Roger of Syston, Will. of Kibworth, and Thomas of Rothley, when they claimed £6. 17*s*. in the pipe⁸

¹ Auditors of the accounts of the late Earl Thomas's lands. *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1322.

² Twelve men were ordered for the Scotch war, May 20, 1322. See *Close Roll*, s. a.

³ Called the feast of S. Cedda, bishop.

⁴ The King's brother.

⁵ Thomas of Marlborough, Collinson's *Somerset*, 1. xxxiv.

⁶ St John's Hospital, adjoining Causeway Lane and High Cross Street.

⁷ See p. 148.

⁸ In the Exchequer pipe-roll.

vi^{li}. et xvi^{is}. in pipa pro respectu habendo in presencia Johannis de Norton, in vino xii^d. Item die sabbati proxima ante festum Exaltacionis S. crucis quando aueria *communia* capta fuerunt pro predictis denariis: in vno anguillo misso vicecomiti pro fauore habendo vi^d. Item eodem die Thome de Roule pro predictis aueriis habendis in pastura vsque aduentum vicecomitis xii^d. Item Johanni Sotemay pro auxilio suo habendo penes vicecomitem quod maior et Communitas aquietarent ipsum super compotum suum dim. marc.—Summa ix^s. iⁱd. De quibus dim. marca fuit de tallagia facta pro xii hominibus peditibus, missis domino Regi: et sic est summa de claro i^{is}. vi^d.

Expense pro villa capienda. Item die veneris proximo post festum decolationis S. Johannis, Carpentariis, cementariis, et fossariis Rogeri Beler apud Kirkeby xii^d. ad ceruisiam. Item die martis in festo Exaltacionis Sancte crucis in duobus anguillis pro gentaculo Rogeri Beler quia non comedit carnes viii^d. Item domino Symoni capellano Rogeri Beler xld. Item in expensis die Jouis post festum S. Crucis apud Kirkeby pro equo Johannis Marwe iⁱd. Item die dominica sequente ibidem pro equis Willelmi le Palmere et Johannis Marwe v^d. Item in percameno & cera pro indentura et obligacione iiiⁱd. ob. Item die Jouis post festum S. Mathie (*sic*) apostoli et die veneris in expensis Willelmi Waryn et pro salario suo ad portandum obli-

for getting respite in the presence of John of Norton, in wine 1s. On Saturday next before the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when the common beasts¹ were taken for the said money: in one eel sent to the Sheriff for obtaining favour 6d. On the same day to Thomas of Rothley for having the said beasts in the pasture till the coming of the Sheriff 1s. To John Sotemay for getting his aid with the Sheriff, that the Mayor and Community should acquit him on his account, 6s. 8d.—Total 9s. 2d., whereof 6s. 8d. was for the tallage made for the twelve foot-soldiers sent to the lord King, and so the sum is clear 2s. 6d.

*Expenses for taking the town*². On Friday next after the feast of St John's Decollation, to the carpenters, masons and ditchers of Roger Beler at Kirby 1s. for beer. On Tuesday the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in two eels for Roger Beler's feast, because he did not eat meat, 8d. To Sir Simon, Roger Beler's chaplain, 3s. 4d. In expenses on Thursday after the feast of the Holy Cross at Kirby for John Marwe's horse 2d. On Sunday following for Will. the Palmer and John Marwe's horses there 5d. In parchment and wax for the indenture and obligation 4½d. On Thursday after the feast of St Matthew the Apostle and on Friday in the expenses of

¹ As distress for the Greenwax.

² Into the King's hands.

cacionem & indenturam apud Tuthebiri iis. Et pro vno equo allocato sibi *xd.*—Summa viiis. *ixd.* ob.

Summa istius partis *vili.* *xvis.* *xd.* *q^a.* Summa expense ex vtraque parte, videlicet *ccxlixli.* viiis. *iid.* ob. *q^a.*

CVII. Merchant Gild Roll.

Box 5, No. 115 (1). [1321–2.] [Oct. 23, 1321, 3 entries¹.]

[Oct. 30, 1321.] Adam de Braundeston cognouit se teneri Communitati ville Leycestrie in xviiiis. per assignationem executorum Laurencii le Seller in parte solucionis iiii marc. in quibus dictus L. dum vixit dicto (*sic*) Communitati tenebatur [to pay at two terms].

[Nov. 6, 2 entries. J. Attemilne and Galf. de Staunton undertake to pay Galf. Attemilne's debt on a certain tallage.]

[Nov. 27.] Joh. Norman, capellanus, aculpatus quod ipse asportauit gradus de Camera vltra portam boriamalem et fregit parietem inter Cameram suam et predictam Cameram et asportauit clauem de eadem Camera per quod communitas amisit proficuum de dicta Camera. [Confessed, fine 2s. by consent of the whole community.]

Hen. of Thornton accused of refusing a share in three ox-hides to Hugh of Braunston. His compurgators refused to swear with him. He pledged 40s. to the community, and to Hugh part of the hides. He made fine with the community for 2s. May 27, 1 entry.

v°. Roll of John Marwe of the Gild of Merchants 15 [Ed. II.]. Account of John Marwe of all his receipts and expenses of the Gild of Merchants, of bulls and trespasses, Michaelmas 15 Ed. II. to Mich. 16 Ed. II.

8 fines, £1. 16s. 0d. From the wife of John Norman collector of a tallage, for the arrears of his collection in the time of John Marwe 12 Ed. II., for the King's

Will. Warren and for his salary for carrying the obligation and indenture to Tutbury 2s. And for a horse hired for him 10d.—Total 8s. 9½d.

Total of this part £6. 16s. 10¼d. Total of expense on either side, that is to say £249. 8s. 2¾d.

CVII. Adam of Braunston acknowledged that he owed to the community of the town of Leicester 18s. by the assignment of the executors of Laur. le Seller in part payment of 4 marks which the said L., while he lived, owed to the said community.

John Norman, chaplain, charged that he carried away the steps of the chamber over the North gate and broke down the party-wall between his chamber and the said chamber and carried off the key of the said chamber, by which the community lost the profit of the said chamber.

¹ The form for taking the father's seat is "petit statum patris sui et optinuit et iuravit" (in the usual form).

Marshal 1s. 3*d.*, from another collector 6*d.* From Geoff. of Staunton for the same, a pitcher (vrceol') in the name of distraint, 6*d.* Sum of receipts of arrears, 1s. 9*d.*, besides the pitcher. Rent of the four booths 4s.—Total receipt £2. 1s. 9*d.*

He counts in expenses Oct. 6, 1321, for the Steward and others coming in his company (superuenientibus in societate sua), bread, wine, beer, large meat; 2 geese and 1 porker 9½*d.*, 5 chickens 6*d.*, partridges (pertricus) 4*d.*, almonds 1½*d.*, cloves (gariofil') 1½*d.*, powdered ginger 1*d.*, saffron ¼*d.*, spice (sals') ¾*d.*, pears and apples and nuts for supper 5¼*d.* In wood and coal 2*d.*—Total 7s. 0¾*d.*

A present to the Steward's wife Nov. 8, bread, wine and beer, 2s. 0½*d.*

To Sir Henry of Leicester and his fellow, auditors of the Earl, Dec. 4, bread 1s. 4½*d.*, 6 gallons of wine 3s., 4 gallons of beer 6*d.*, one cheese 1s. 4½*d.*—6s. 3*d.*

[Not allowed.] In hose given to Ric. le Foun¹ steward against Christmas, 2s. 8*d.*, and to John Leverich, 1s. 9*d.*—4s. 5*d.*]

Expense circa Portas. In emendacione serure ad Portam Occidentalem *id.* Item pro emendacione serure ad portam borialem *iid.* In ii peciis ferri emptis pro gimellis de porta orientali et in fabricacione *xiid.* In vno lingno empto pro *le Flayl* *iiiiid.* In stipendio carpentarii *iiid.* ob. Item die martis ante festum Nativitatis Domini pro emendacione vnus serure cum duobus clauibus² de nouo factis *vid.* ad eandem portam. Item pro emendacione serure de wicketto de Porta boriali et serure de magna porta *vid.* Item in tribus peciis ferri emptis pro vno *plate* et vno *gogoun* et vno *lyng* ad catenas *xviiiid.* cum fabricacione. Item in vno ligno empto pro emendacione de *le Herretr'* *vid.* Item in stipendio carpentarii per duos dies *viid.* Item in vno pecio ferri empto pro vno *hasp* ad portam australem *vid.* ob. cum fabricacione.—Summa vis.

Expense pro feodo Episcopi. Item in expensis Nicholai Payn,

Expenses for the Gates. In mending the lock at the West gate, 1*d.* For mending the lock at the North gate, 2*d.* In two pieces of iron bought for the hinges of the East gate and in smith's-work, 1s. In a beam bought for the Flail³, 4*d.* In the carpenter's wage, 3½*d.* On Tuesday before Christmas for mending a lock with two keys re-made, 6*d.*, for the same gate. For mending the lock of the wicket of the North gate, and of the lock of the great gate, 6*d.* In three pieces of iron bought for an iron plate and a gudgeon⁴, and a link for the chains, 1s. 6*d.*, with smith's work. In a beam bought for mending the hinge-tree⁵, 6*d.* In the carpenter's wage for two days, 7*d.* In one piece of iron bought for a hasp on the South gate, 6½*d.*, with smith's-work.—Total 6s.

Expenses for the Bishop's Fee. In the expenses of Nic. Pain, Ralph of

¹ See the fate of Ric. le Foun in the Close Roll of 1322, Aug. 8, p. 589 of the Calendar. He was killed in 1322.

² MS. *clavis*.

³ A swivel or swingel on which the gate moved.

⁴ See p. 315.

⁵ Herre=hinge. Perhaps the herre-tree may mean the balk of wood upon which the hinge was fastened or on which it turned.

Radulfi de Gaddesby et aliorum qui fuerunt cum uilla die martis proxima post festum S. Barnabe apostoli contra feodum ut in cibus (*sic*) et potibus iiis. *vid.* ob.

In expenses for the same on July 27 for the Steward and clerks, Rob. of Gaddesby¹, Nic. Payn, John of Tilton, Walt. of Bushby, Ric. of Donington, Tho. Vescy and other comers, in bread, wine, beer, large meat; a goose, veal and mutton 11*d.* In saffron and powder 1½*d.*, in vinegar 1½*d.* In eggs 1*d.* On Aug. 16 in expenses for the said servants and other visitors, beer and wine.—Total 9*s.* 8½*d.*

(2). A sheet attached :—

Item pulsatorio ad pulsandum Ignitegium a festo S. Nicholai vsque ad festum purificationis beate marie *vd.* quia ordinatum fuit quod nullus vagaret per villam post Ignitegium. Item duobus clericis pro eodem a predicto festo ad Pascha iiid. In expensis pro vigilia facienda a die Dominica in Vigilia S. Andree apostoli vsque ad diem Dominicam sequentem per assensum communitatis xii*d.* in ceruisia [and for a week before Feb. 2, beer, 2*s.*]. Item Roberto Mahel pro Porta Australi custodienda cum necesse fuerit, *vid.* Item Ricardo Curteys et socio suo pro eodem de porta orientali, xii*d.*—Summa *vs.* iiid.

Messengers' expenses... Total 2*s.* 4*d.*

In moneys paid to Will. of Ruddington and Will. of Keythorpe for their expenses at the parliament held at London in the 15th year, £1.²

Expenses of the Clerk and Serjeant. To Peter the clerk for his salary, 6*s.* 8*d.* And for parchment, 6*d.* To Will. Warin and Ralph Mowbray, serjeants, 6*s.* 8*d.*—13*s.* 10*d.*

Total of the whole expense, £3. 16*s.* 10¾*d.* And so the expenses exceed the receipts £1. 15*s.* 1¾*d.*, which the community owes to the said John (Marwe), from which £1. 15*s.* 1¾*d.* he ought to acquit all the creditors and debtors contained in his account.

Gaddesby and others, who were with the town on Tuesday next after the feast of St Barnabas the Apostle (June 15) against the Fee, in food and drink, 3*s.* 6½*d.*

To the bellringer for ringing the curfew from Dec. 6 to Feb. 2, 5*d.*, because it was ordered that no one should wander through the town after curfew. To two clerks for the same from Feb. 2 to Easter, 4*d.* In expenses for keeping watch from Sunday the eve of St Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 29) to the Sunday following by the consent of the community, 1*s.* in beer... To Rob. Mahel for keeping the South gate when necessary, 6*d.* To Ric. Curteis and his fellow for the same at the East gate, 1*s.*—Total 5*s.* 3*d.*

¹ Appointed keeper of the lands of all the rebels except the Earl.

² July 15, 1321.

CVIII. *Expenses for Twelve Foot Soldiers.*¹

Box 6, No. 139 (3). [July 16, 1322.] [Expenses for twelve foot soldiers sent to the king.

Two hauberks (hauberg') bought from Hugh the Tailor, £1. 2s. 0d. (and 3 others). One bought and cleaned 12s. 5d. and another cleaned and mended 13s. 2d.] i par plac' cum ferro duorum Bacinetorum xviss. iiiid. Et pro reparacione de nouo cum paelionibus et copertura iiis. ; i par placat' et pro clauis et clauatura xiis. ; i par plac' et vno bacino et pro clauis et clauatura et pro bacino de nouo coperiendo xiiis. vid. Item in vno par' plac' et vno bacino cum ii paribus Cirotecarum xxvs. [Also 8 aketons and 1 bacinet. To Will. the Cook (le Cu) for all his armour 15s. Also 3 aketons, 4 bacinets and 8 pairs of gloves.] Et duobus paribus illarum Cirotecarum de nouo clauand' et ponend' is. [1 pair of gloves, 2 bacinets, and for cleaning one. —Total £13. 19s. 8d.]

Item liberat' eiisdem pro eorum armis xxxviss. cuilibet eorum iiis. Item liberat' eiisdem pro hakeneiis xxiiis. Item in panno empto pro eorum Courtepiis lviis. vid. Et pro tonsura xiid. Et pro Courtepiis talliandis et repariandis vis. vid. Et pro serico et *Cendal* vid. Item in duobus vlnis de *fustion* et dim. xd. In *Carde* et *Cendal* pro eorum ponecellis & filo cum talliacione xiid. q^a.—Summa vili. viis.² iiiid. q^a.

CVIII. A pair of plaquets³ with iron for two bacinets, 16s. 4d. And for the re-making with lining⁴ and covering, 3s. ; one pair of plaquets and for nails and nailing⁵, 12s. ; a pair of plaquets and a bacinet and for nails and nailing, and for recovering a bacinet, 14s. 6d. For a pair of plaquets and a bacinet with two pairs of gauntlets, £1. 5s. 0d. ; and for two pairs of those gloves newly nailed and put together, 1s....Paid to the same for their arms, 36s. ; to each of them, 3s. Paid to them for hackneys, £1. 4s. 0d. In cloth bought for their pea-jackets, £2. 17s. 6d. And for shearing it, 1s. And for cutting out and repairing pea-jackets, 6s. 6d. And for silk and sendal⁶, 6d. Two and a half yards of fustian, 10d. In "*carde*"⁷ and sendal for their pennons and thread and for cutting out, 1s. 0½d.—Total £6. 7s. 4½d.

¹ For the Scotch war, 1322.

² For xs.

³ See *s.v.* *placcate* and *plaquet* in the *Century Dictionary*. The plate of steel used as additional defence, and specifically the doubling of the lower part of the breastplate; a similar *plaquet* was used for the back.

⁴ It cannot be tents, as the price is too low; it must be covering of some sort.

⁵ On nails and nailing in armour used for fixing the lining and also the parts of the armour, see Stevenson's *Nottingham*, III., Glossary, *s.v.* *armyng naylez*, *armyng bokelles*. Also *s.v.* "*naylyd wythe yryne*," *Prompt. Parv.*

⁶ *Cendal* or *sendal* was a kind of thin silk.

⁷ *Carde* was probably worsted material. On its use for flags see Miss Toulmin Smith's *Accounts of the Earl of Derby*, Glossary.

Also 2 gallons of beer given to them on July 4, 4*d.* July 8, 3 gallons, 6*d.* Friday when they left (*perrexerunt extra*) the town, beer, 4*d.* On the same day they were led to the Redhill¹ by the Mayor and many other men, and there was given them for their expenses that night in beer, 2*s.*—Total 3*s.* 2*d.*

Wages from July 16 to July 25 and 40 days after, £10, i.e. 16*s.* 8*d.* each.—Sum total of expense £30. 10*s.* 2½*d.*

v°. Expenses incurred for the salary of the Serjeant for the plea between the town and the Bishop's Fee, that is to say on Aug. 16, 1322, before Roger Beler³, in salaries to Nic. Fastolf 10*s.*, Rob. of Gaddesby 6*s.* 8*d.*, Nic. Payn 6*s.* 8*d.*, Roger of Glen 3*s.* 4*d.*, Ralph of Gaddesby 2*s.* For getting respite of £6. 17*s.* which were exacted from the community in the Greenwax as on the Sheriff's account, 6*s.* 8*d.*—Total £1. 15*s.* 4*d.*

CIX. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 5, No. 108. [May 1323 to Sep. 1323.] Account of John Marwe of all his receipts and expenses from the feast of St Dunstan (May 19) 16 Ed. II. to the feast of St Michael next following.

He counts received from Robert of Braunston for the arrears of his gild, 1*s.* 8*d.* And of John of Stanton for the fine of his gild, 10*s.*, and of Will. Gerin for the same, 3*s.*—Total 14*s.* 8*d.*

He counts received of Henry Merlin £1. 7*s.* 0*d.* of his collection of a tallage for archers sent to the lord King. And of 10*s.* received from John Brid of the same tallage. And of 5*s.* received of Will. of Wrelton of the same tallage.—Total £2. 2*s.* 0*d.*

He counts received of divers creditors for leading prisoners to York, £2. 13*s.* 4*d.* The total appears.

Sum total of receipt £5. 10*s.* 0*d.*

Of which he counts in expenses, for a present sent to Sir Rob. of Silkstone and his fellows, auditors of the lord King, on May 18, 1323, in bread 10½*d.*, wine 2*s.* 8*d.* For a present sent to Sir Will. de Ferrers on May 25, in six geese bought, 1*s.* 11*d.*, in wine 2*s.* 8*d.*, and for portage to Groby 1*d.* In a present sent to Sir Roger Beler on July 26, bread 2*s.* 1*d.*, wine 2*s.*, a pomegranate (in vno pomo *gernoyt*²) 2*s.*, in a present to the treasurer of the lord King on Aug. 2, in bread 11*s.* 1½*d.*, wine 12*s.* One carcase of beef 13*s.*, in baking (*furnicacione*) of bread 4*d.* In porters (*portitoribus*) for the whole present 6*d.* In a present sent to Sir Roger Beler on Aug. 8, when he sat for the Assizes and for the Bishop's Fee³, bread 4*s.*, wine 4*s.* 8*d.*, beer 8*d.* A carcase of mutton 2*s.* 4*d.*, of veal 1*s.* 11*d.*, in hose given to Will. Beler 1*s.* 6*d.*, in wine bought for Sir Robert de Malueston⁴, Justice, on that day 3*s.* 4*d.*, beer 8*d.*; a present sent to the servant (*ministr*) of the lord King, coming Aug. 14, bread and wine 2*s.* 10½*d.*; a present sent to the Steward Sep. 4, bread 1*s.* 3*d.*, wine 2*s.*, a carcase of mutton 2*s.* 4*d.* On the same day in wine sent to the Sheriff, because the common beasts (*communia averia*) were taken for the

¹ "Le Redehul." A Redhill occurs in the Coroners' Rolls as "*juxta Neuwerk*" 1301; and presumably the town of Newark is meant, for the *Novum Opus* of Earl Henry of Lancaster was not yet in existence. The allusion here may be to some other Redhill in the neighbourhood of Leicester.

² Thorold Rogers gives 1*s.* as the price at the end of the 13th century, *Prices*, I. 632.

³ July 20, 1322: he was Puisne Baron of the Exchequer 1323-6. On his death in 1326 see *Ann. Paul.* p. 310.

⁴ *Sic.* R. de Malmesthorp, or Malberthorpe, Judge of the King's Bench 1320-31.

Greenwax, 1s. 4d. In a present sent to the servant (ministr^r) of Sir Hugh Le Despenser coming before Sep. 14, in wine 2s.—Total £4. 2s. 1½d.

He counts in the expenses of divers men for business touching the community by the assent of certain honest men of the community in the week before Holy Trinity, 13s. 4d. The total appears.

He counts in expenses for two esquires with their grooms and horses going to the lord King before July 20, coming from Sir Henry of Lancaster, 1s. 9d. On July 27 to the masons and carpenters of Sir Roger Beler at Kirby, 1s. On the same day to the chamberlain and butler (dispensario) of the said Sir R. Beler, 1s. To his keeper of the horse and to the sumpter-man, 8d. To the working on his chapel, 6d. To the carpenters and masons of Rob. of Gaddesby (working) there, 6d. In the expenses of Robert of Stretton and John Marwe's horses on that day, 2d.—Total 5s. 7d.

He counts in expenses for the Steward's dinner and for his clerks, for Rob. of Gaddesby and for the coming of others and for their grooms on Sep. 5, bread 5d., wine 4½d., beer 7½d., kitchen 1s. 3½d.—Total 2s. 8½d.

He counts in expenses for the Bishop's Fee on May 2, in a present sent to Gilbert of Tythby (Touthby)¹ on his coming, in wine 1s. 4d., and for his salary 13s. 4d.—Total 14s. 8d.

Messengers' expenses [e.g. one named Cornwall, to Sir Hugh Despenser's messenger, to one from the King's Chamber, John le Irreys (Irishman), Micheleyt, messengers from the Exchequer. To Sir Henry Spigurnel's messenger, to a certain chief messenger of the King, messengers from the Hospice of the King, and to the Sheriff's messengers coming with them].—Total 8s. 1d.

He counts in the expenses of John de Holand seeking Robert of Croxton on June 17, 2d. In the expenses of the said Robert bearing the return of a writ which Geoff. de Scrope² had prosecuted by his esquire for John of Hunton, Steward, £1. To the said John de Holand for his salary for bearing letters to our keeper twice over, 4s. To Robert of Gaddesby for his expenses with letters carried to York, 3s. 10d.—Total £1. 8s. 0d.

He counts in (expenses) for making the prison in the High Street³ on May 20. In boards bought for the door, 10d. In small and large hinges (guncis et vertinellis)⁴, 4d. In iron nails and a staple (stapel'), 3d. In a piece of wood bought at St Martin's church, 3d. In the wage of the carpenter, 4d. In mending a hasp (haspe) with two hooks (hokis) for the East gate on the same day, 2d.—Total 2s. 2d.

He counts in sand bought for mending the porch (del Porch) at the Gildhall, 2d. In lime bought, 1d. In a piece of wood, ½d. In spike-nails (spikynges), ½d. In repairs, 4d.—Total 8d.

He counts in wax bought after May 15 for signing inquests, 4d. In two boxes (pixsid') bought on Saturday for the said inquests and for the seal made counter to the King's seal⁵, 1½d.—Total 5½d.

He counts in expenses for taking prisoners to York by the King's order, £3. 0s. 4d. The total appears.

¹ He was Justice Itinerant 1317-18, King's serjeant-at-law 1315-6.

² Perhaps Geoffrey le Scrope, Justice of Common Pleas 27 Sep. 1323.

³ Probably the town not the county gaol, which was built at the county's expense and finished 1309; in the 18th century the town gaol was on the site of St John's Hospital; the county gaol was near by, both in the Highcross Street. See Throsby's *Leicester*, p. 404.

⁴ See p. 297.

⁵ Et pro sigill' contrafact' sigill' domini Regis.

He counts in Peter the Clerk's salary, 6s. 8*d.*, and for parchment, 6*d.*—Total 7*s.* 2*d.*

Roll of the time of John Marewe for part of the 16th year, to wit the last part.

+ Roll of John Marewe of the 17th year. Account of the said John of the great tallage and two accounts, to wit of the 15th, 16th $\frac{1}{4}$.

Roll of the Gild of Merchants in the time of John Marewe from May 19, 1323 after the deposition of Will. of Lindrick¹ till Michaelmas following.

At the Morningspeech held on Friday next after the feast of St Giles the Abbot 17 Ed. II. (Sep. 2, 1323). Tho. of Stanton, cobbler, entered etc. and pledged 40*s.* and a bull and made fine for all by paying 10*s.* on Sep. 16. And he swore that wherever he might dwell, in the Bishop's Fee or elsewhere, he would answer with the Gild, if not he shall lose the gild.

Will. Gerin...because he is born in the town will give 3*s.*, and he swore as above said².

Memorandum quod Joh. de Wylugby venit in Aula Gilde die veneris proxima post festum translacionis S. Hugonis a. r. r. Edwardi XVII, coram Johanne de Norton tunc maiore, Joh. Alsy, Will. del Waynhous, Joh. Marwe, Hen. de Barkeby, Galf. de Staunton, Hen. Merlyn, Rad. de Burton et aliis de communitate ibidem existentibus, et liberauit Gildam suam et omnes libertates quas habuit per Gildam dicto maiori, qui solemniter per assensum omnium predictorum bonorum virorum Gildam suam et omnes libertates dicte Gilde pertinentes ab eo recepit.

Memorandum that John Marewe rendered his account of all his receipts and expenses from the feast of St Dunstan (May 19) 16 Ed. II. until Michaelmas next following before John of Norton Mayor, John Alsy, Will. del Waynhous, Hen. of Barkby, Geoff. of Staunton, and Hen. Merlin, chosen for this purpose and deputed by the community. And the sum of the whole receipt is £5. 10*s.* 0*d.* And the sum of expenses £11. 5*s.* 3*d.* And so the expenses exceed the receipts £5. 15*s.* 3*d.* which the community owes the said John, and he shall acquit all creditors and debtors.

Box 6, No. 139 (1). Memorandum that John le Marwe, sometime Mayor of the town of Leicester, on Tuesday Ap. 3, 1324³ returned his account before John of Norton, Mayor of the town of Leicester, Will. the Palmer, John of Knightcote, Walter of Bushby, Rob. Stretton, John Leverick, Will. del Waynhous and Rob. le Clerck, auditors assigned for his receipts and payments from the great tallage assessed in the aforesaid year 15 Ed. II., of which the sum is £263. 4*s.* 8*d.*

Memorandum that John of Willoughby came into the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of the Translation of St Hugh in 17 Ed. II. before John of Norton then Mayor (and 7 named) and others of the community being there, and gave up his Gild and all the liberties which he had by the Gild to the said Mayor, who solemnly by consent of all the aforesaid good men received his Gild and all the liberties pertaining to the said Gild from him.

¹ Coroner; see Coroners' Rolls below.

² These continue to be the usual forms used in noting the entry of Gild members.

³ To save space the saint's day and the regnal year have been interpreted as a rule.

John le Marwe answers for one tally of £89 from Ric. Leverick and his fellows, one of £63. 16s. 8d. from Rob. the Porter and his fellows, of £1. 10s. 0d. without tally, two tallies for £70. 12s. 0d. from Will. of Broughton and his fellows, one of £14. 15s. 4d. from Hugh of Skeffington and his. Sum total of receipt £242. 14s. 0d. For his expenses which are allowed him in the roll of his account £249. 14s. 10½d. Excess of expenses over receipts £7. 0s. 10¾d.

These moneys then are owed to him¹ by the Mayor and community aforesaid, whereof Ric. Leverick and his fellows owe from the aforesaid tallage £1. 7s. 1d. Rob. the Porter and his fellows owe from the said tallage £1. 10s. 0d. Hugh of Skeffington and his fellows owe 6d. Will. of Broughton...£2. 2s. 11½d. Total £5. 0s. 6½d. These moneys then are assigned² to the said John in part payment of his said debt. And so the Community owes the said John clear £1. 6s. 11d. (*sic*).

[Next the sums due to John Marwe on the accounts Sep. 29, 1321-2, and May 19, 1323 to Sep. 29, 1323, are noted "as appears in the Gild Roll" (above), and the total debt to him is added as £8. 18s. 3¾d.³]

And note that the said John received £11 by the hand of Will. of Broughton from a certain tallage of £20 assessed for the Greenwax and other necessities, with which he charges himself. And so he owes the community £2. 1s. 8½d.

Box 6, No. 139 (2). Note that Hugh of Skeffington and his fellows, collectors of a tallage assessed in Lent 16 Ed. II. for the King's Marshal, the sum of which is £20. 13s. 7d., returned their account, Tuesday July 3, 1324, before John of Norton then Mayor, John of Knightcote, John Leverick, Peter of Kent, John le Marwe and Geoff. of Staunton, auditors of the said account. And the sum of all their receipt is £19. 10s. 0d., which they paid to Henry Merlyn by tally, of which he must account. So Hugh and his fellows owe £1. 3s. 7d., of which they claim to be allowed for the money which they could not raise. And the auditors allow them for several men (not paying their tallage) 10s. 3d. So they owe 13s. 2d.⁴ clear after allowance made.

Note that at the same time Will. of Broughton and Hugh of Skeffington rendered their account of a certain tallage assessed Sep. 26, 1323 for the Greenwax and other debts and business touching the community, in the presence of the said auditors, of which the sum is £20. 3s. 7d. And the total of their receipt is £17. 17s. 6d. Of which they paid by a tally to Henry of Nottingham Sheriff of Leicestershire, for the Greenwax £6. 17s. 6d. And to John Marwe in part payment of his debt £11, by tally. And so he owes £2. 6s. 0d. Of which, £1. 6s. 0d. is allowed to them for money they cannot raise; and for carrying wages and for driving beasts⁵ (*et pro vadiis portand' & bestiis fugand'*) 1s. And so they owe 19s. clear.

Note that John of Derby and Geoff. of Staunton account before the Mayor and Community Jan. 2, 1325 of £8 paid to them by John Marwe then Mayor, and allowed to them for their expenses at York £6. 7s. 10d. And paid to Will. of Lindrick by the said John of Derby £1, for which he must account. And John of Derby owes 3s. 2d., and the said Geoff. owes 9s.

v°. Memorandum that John Brid and Adam the Barker and his fellows, collectors of the fourth part of a tallage assessed in summer for 12 foot-soldiers armed and sent to the lord King in his 15th year, returned their account of their collection in the South quarter, of which the sum is £9. 6s. 11d., before John of Norton, Mayor

¹ Qui quidem denarii sibi debentur.

² Qui quidem denarii assignantur.

³ A shilling is added to the first year's total in excess of the Gild Roll's statement on pp. 339, 343.

⁴ For 13s. 4d.

⁵ Perhaps some of the *communia averia* referred to above, p. 336.

(and 6 others). Of which for arms and cloth bought £7. 6s. 8d.; and so they owe £2. 0s. 3d., whereof John Marwe received 10s., (and other small sums allowed to persons named). So they owe clear 17s. 4d. Of which 7s. is allowed them for oats sent to Sir Henry de Grosemound¹ by order of Will. of Lindrick (other small payments), and so they are quit.

Account of Will. of Wrelton and Walter Mile of the same tallage on the West quarter, of which the sum is £9. 19s. 5d. Whereof they paid for arming and other expenses, as appears in the roll of account, £9. (With other small payments) and 2s. 5d. for their labour they are quit.

(Similarly for the East quarter² £9. 7s. 1d., of which £9 was spent in arming, and for the East quarter within the town £9. 8s. 11d., of which £7 was spent in arming.)

Box 5, No. 116. [1323-4.] Account of John of Norton, Mayor, of all his receipts and expenses from Gild fines, bulls and tallages, from Michaelmas 17 Ed. II. till Mich. 18 Ed. II. Receipts £8. 8s. 0d., from Gild fines. Rent of four booths 4s. Received of John Brid and other collectors of the tallage assessed for archers sent to the King, for their arrears on the account of 15 Ed. II. (in all) 19s. From Will. of Staunton and his fellows for a tallage assessed for the fine made with Sir John de Stanover³ and Rob. de Malbesthorp, Justices of the lord King, for concealing divers taxations granted to the lord King £14 (pro concealment⁴ de diuersis taxationibus domino Regi concessis). From Rob. the Mercer and his fellows for a tallage assessed for the coming of the Earl⁴ £13. Total £27.—Sum total of receipt £36. 11s. 0d.

Presents. Whereof he counts in expenses for wine sent to Roger Laurence, Steward, at the next court held after Michaelmas, 1s. In wine sent to the Sheriff's clerks after Oct. 9, 6d. In seven quarters of oats sent to the lord Earl of Winchester⁵ on Oct. 31, 18s. 3d. He counts in five quarters of oats sent to the King's Chancellor⁶ on Nov. 24, 13s. 6d. with carriage. For two sacks which they carried off (abduxerunt) with the two quarters of oats which remained, 10d. In a present sent to the wife of Roger of Pickering Mar. 4, 1324, wine and beer.

To the said Roger towards his expenses for carrying bills to Parliament for obtaining pontage⁷ 3s.

To Will. the Palmer for setting the said bills in order⁸ 6d.

In a present sent to Henry of Nottingham, Sheriff, on Mar. 9, who had a writ to levy the Greenwax, in bread 4½d., in beer 6d. (etc.).—Total £3. 3s. 2d.

Expenses for the Steward's dinner. He counts in expenses for Roger Laurence the Steward⁹ and for his clerks, Robert of Gaddesby and others, coming to the court held after the Feast of All Saints, bread, wine, beer, great flesh 1s. 5½d., in "hens in bread" 1s. 10½d., in poultry (volatilia) and brawn (braun) 6d., in geese 1s.—Total 9s. 1½d.

¹ Henry of Grosmont (or Gromond Priory, Yorks.), afterwards first Duke of Lancaster, son of Henry Earl of Lancaster.

² Without the gate.

³ Justice of Common Pleas 1323.

⁴ Henry, afterwards Earl of Lancaster, the brother of Thomas. He succeeded to the Earldom of Leicester May 10, 1324.

⁵ Hugh le Despenser.

⁶ Robert Baldock.

⁷ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1330, the Earl got a grant of pontage.

⁸ ordinand⁹.

⁹ The Earl's Steward; probably the feast at the presentation of the Mayor in the Earl's court, which occurred regularly from this time.

He counts in expenses for the Queen's poultry-keeper (Polettario) coming and staying Nov. 4 and 12, 1323, 6*d*. In the expenses of John Manning, yeoman (valet') of the King's Chancellor, coming at the same time with cloth and furs by the writ of the said Chancellor. And again another time he came on Saturday in the week following with another writ to deliver the said (cloth), and for a certain cart and four horses 1*s*. 6*d*. At the same time in the expenses of Ralph Cokinbred going to Nottingham to Master Robert of Aylestone for the common business, and for the hire of a horse and a groom 3*s*. In the expenses of John de Holand bearing letters to Parliament at the beginning of Lent¹ 2*s*. In the expenses of Master Michael and 28 men coming with horses of the King in Easter week, in bread, beer, meat and cheese 2*s*. In the expenses of Ralph de Lusci, valet of the lord King, coming with 10 of the said men on May 2, for their feast 1*s*. On May 7 in expenses at the feast of Sir Robert of Emeldon, chief clerk of the marshalsea, in wine 8*d*.

In the expenses of Master Michael and his 10 men coming on May 10 to treat of peace between the men of the lord King and the men of the town, in beer 4*d*.—Total 11*s*.

v°. He counts in expenses incurred against the coming of Sir John de Stonover and Sir Robert de Malbesthorp, Justices of the lord King. First to Rob. of Croxton going and staying at Warwick before Christmas to find out their doings² 6*s*. 8*d*. In the expenses of John of Norton going to Kenilworth to obtain the counsel of Sir Roger Beler who had gone before his coming 2*s*. He counts in a present sent to Sir Rob. de Malbesthorp on Jan. 8, 1324, bread 4*s*., wine 3*s*., beer 5*s*., 1 pig 5*s*. To Sir John de Stonover, bread 4*s*., wine 3*s*., beer 5*s*., eels 4*s*., codling³ 2*s*. 5*d*. To Adam de Flynycham, chief clerk, for obtaining his counsel 6*s*. 8*d*. To his two subclerks 3*s*. 4*d*. To two marshals on their arrival 4*s*. To the crier 2*s*. To the said marshals for their fee from the assessor (de taxatore) 5*s*. To Will. Faunt, clerk serving the Inquest, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Master John of Aylestone for obtaining counsel and advice against the Justices, wine 2*s*. 8*d*. Beer sent to Sir Hugh of Prestwold at that time 6*d*. Bread and beer sent to Edmund of Ashby 10½*d*. To the said Edmund for obtaining his counsel and advice 10*s*. In wine sent to Sir Will. de Herle⁴ after the departure (recessum) of the Justices 1*s*. 4*d*.—Total £5. 13*s*. 9½*d*.⁵

He counts in the present made to Sir Walter de Frikeneye⁶ and Robert de Malbesthorp, Justices of the Assize taken on Aug. 4, each in bread 7½*d*., in wine 2*s*. 8*d*. Bread sent to Gilb. of Tythby (Toutheby) 6½*d*., wine 1*s*. 4*d*. To Oliver le Waleys, Sheriff, bread and wine 1*s*. 10½*d*. To the Marshal and Crier 1*s*. 2*d*.—Total 11*s*. 4*d*.⁷

He counts in a present for the lord Earl and for other expenses made against his coming, that is to say at Shilton (Shulton) because the Mayor and other Burgesses were there to have colloquy with the lord Earl, to Rob. of Cadeby for having his counsel 2*s*. On Friday before the Earl's coming, bread 6½*d*. and wine 2*s*. 8*d*., sent to Sir Tho. le Blound and Sir Ric. de Rivers. Present to the Earl, bread 29*s*., wine £8. 16*s*. 0*d*. In three carcasses of beef £2. 5*s*. 0*d*., 7 pigs £1. 11*s*. 6*d*. and for portage and dressing (reparacione) 7*d*. In 20 quarters of oats £1. 17*s*. 6*d*. with portage. In 21 pairs of hose bought and given to the esquires of the Chamber and the officials (officenariis) £1. 11*s*. 0*d*. To the Earl's messenger for his hose 1*s*. To the poultry-keeper 6*d*. for buying shoes (sotularios).—Total £17. 17*s*. 3½*d*.

¹ Feb. 23 to Mar. 18, 1324.

² ad explorand' de gestu eorum.

³ So in MS.

⁴ Chief Justice of Com. Pleas 1327.

⁵ For £4. 3*s*. 9½*d*.

⁶ Or Friskenev, Justice of Com. Pleas 1323.

⁷ For 11*s*. 6*d*.

[Moneys given to messengers, e.g. Ric. Kay from the King's Chamberlain, Douenald Skot from the King, and others from the King and Exchequer.—Total 10s. 6*d*.]

He counts in one carpenter hired for one day Jan. 25, and in timber bought for mending the East gate 6*d*. And for mending locks 2*d*.—Total 8*d*.

He counts of the moneys given and paid by the consent of John Alsy, John le Marwe, Will. of Goadby (Gouteby), Ralph Cokenbred, and Rob. the Porter to the Chamberlain of the Earl of Winchester¹ 3*s*. 4*d*. In money given to John Legat for his salary before the King's Chancellor² and his auditors 1*s*. 6*d*. To Roger of Belgrave by the assent of the community 10*s*. To Will. of Ruddington for his expenses at Parliament³ 10*s*. To the Sheriff for Queen Gold⁴ £4. 13*s*. 4*d*. by the letter of acquittance of Oliver le Waleys, then Sheriff.—Total £5. 18*s*. 2*d*.

He counts for Ralph of Mowbray the Serjeant's salary 6*s*. 8*d*. For the clerk's salary 6*s*. 8*d*. For parchment 6*d*.—Total 13*s*. 10*d*.

Total of all expenses £36.⁶ 8*s*. 10½*d*.; and so John of Norton owes the community 2*s*. 1½*d*., and he returned his final account on the feast of St Botolph (June 17) in the presence of John Alsy then Mayor, John of Knightcote, John Marwe, Rob. Gerin, Adam the Barker, Geoff. of Staunton, Ralph of Burton, Will. of Goadby, Rob. the Clerk, Will. of Broughton, Ric. of Cranford, and John Leverick, appointed auditors of the said account, 18 Ed. II.

CX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, Roll 16 (1). [1323-4.] Roll of the Merchant Gild in the time of John of Norton from Michaelmas 17 Ed. II. to Michaelmas 18 Ed. II. Henry the Walker charged that he took cloth out of the town to the fulling mill, against the statute of the Gild⁶ (confessed and pledged amends,...his pledges promised to make satisfaction for him according to the determination of the Mayor and of the community if he should offend again and be convicted of so doing).

Whereas a certain contention arose between John le Marwe and Ralph Gerin for that the said Ralph abused the said John with the vilest words, calling him thief and false conspirator, which words indeed he could not deny, but confessed, and put himself entirely in the mercy of the said John; and then by the ruling (consideracionem) of John of Norton, Mayor, Rob. of the Willows (del Wylwes)⁷, John Alsy, John of Sharnford, Will. of Goadby and Ralph Cokenbred, who charged themselves with the agreement (qui se imposuerunt de concordia), the said Ralph pledged the said John a tun of wine (4 pledges undertake the payment if he offends again etc.). (Entries.)

v^o. [Roll of John of Norton for the 17th year in the time of his mayoralty, the term beginning at Michaelmas.]

Pour ceo qe pleintz sount a nous les Pestours de Leycestre qe les regratours et les regraterescs de mesmes la ville par symoine,

Whereas the bakers of Leicester have made complaint to us that the regrators and regratresses of the said town keep back and conceal the bakers'

¹ Hugh le Despenser.

² Robert Baldock.

³ Westminster, Feb. 23, 1323.

⁴ A fixed percentage paid to the Queen-consort on sums due to the King for various fines. See Madox, *Hist. Excheq.* I. 350; II. 240.

⁵ For £35.

⁶ See p. 91.

⁷ Or the village Willoughes, Leics.

quinzeine, troys symoines, et moys, reteyngnent et moussount les peyns des pestours, par enchesoun de quel retenir les ditis Pestours souent ount encoru graunt damage, voloums et ordinoums qe mes ne le facount, ne les ditis payns, outre vne symoyne a tout le plus, en lour mesouns reteignent. E si eux le facent e ne les deliuerent as Pestours cum est auantdist, eyent les Pestours lour recouerir deuers les ditis regratours et regraterescs de toutz lour damages queux serrount encorues par my lour retenir. E seyent en vne bone merci si de ceo apres nostre defens seient ateintz. (Plea of unlawful trade association follows.)

Walter the Rider charged that he sold to Peter the Palmer wool stolen and not merchandisable (pacabilem) (confessed, fine 1s. And if he offend any more in this manner, he shall lose his Gild). (Entries.)

Names of the chief messengers of the lord King who were in the time of John of Norton, Mayor. Rob. de Mamesfeld, Ric. Swyn, Joh. de Waltham, Rad. Kay, Joh. de Canworth, Will. de Loughthebourg, Joh. Dunstal, Steph. de Hamsclap, Douenald Skot.

CXI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 117¹. [1324-5.] Account of John Alsy, formerly Mayor of the town of Leicester, for the time in which he was Mayor (etc.) 18 Ed. II. Note that John Alsy, formerly Mayor of the town of Leicester, rendered his account of the time of his Mayoralty 18 Ed. II., on May 31, 1329, before Rob. of Stretton, then Mayor of Leicester, Will. the Palmer, Will. of the Wainhouse, John of Norton, John le Marwe, John Leverick, and Simon Norman, appointed auditors of the said account. And the sum total of his receipt from the fines of the Gild, of bulls and trespasses and tallages, £41. 11s. 0d., and the sum total of charges and expenses £49. 6s. 5½d.; and so the expenses and payments exceed the receipts £7. 15s. 5½d., as appears by the roll by him delivered on his account. For which the said community is in debt to the said John. And the said John shall acquit the community in respect of all creditors contained in his account. In testimony of which thing etc. (*sic*).

The said John returned his account on the day and in the year aforesaid before the said Robert then Mayor and the said auditors for the time in which he was Mayor 19 Ed. II. Of which the sum total of receipt is £50. 10s. 6d. And the

bread for a week, fortnight, three weeks and more, by reason of which keeping the said bakers have often incurred great damage, we will and ordain that they may do so no longer, nor keep the said bread in their houses for more than a week at the outside. And if they do so and do not give them up to the bakers as is aforesaid, the bakers shall have their recovery against the said regrators and regratresses for all the damage which they shall have incurred by their keeping (the bread). And let them be right well amerced if they be attainted of this after our prohibition.

¹ The head is cut as an indenture.

sum total of charges and expenses as appears by particulars etc. (*sic*) £60. 16s. 5½*d.* And so, all accounts being accounted and allowances allowed, the expenses and charges exceed the receipts £10. 5s. 11½*d.* For which the community is in debt to the said John. And the said John (as above).

The said John returns his account on Sep. 21, 1329, for the time in which he was Mayor, 1 Ed. III., before Rob. of Stretton then Mayor, Will. of the Wainhouse, John of Norton, Will. of Goadby, John of Derby, Will. the Palmer, Geoff. of Staunton, John Martin, Rob. the Porter, Ric. of Walcote, and other auditors appointed. (Total receipts £19. 17s. 8*d.*: expenses, as appears by particulars, £23. 1s. 6*d.* Excess of expenses £3. 3s. 10*d.* as above.) In testimony of which thing the one part of this indenture remains in the possession of the Mayor and community, and the other part with (versus) the said John by the assent of the Mayor and the said auditors, sealed with the seal of the said Mayor; dated at Leicester on Tuesday after the feast of St Matthew the Apostle (Sep. 26) 3 Ed. III.

[vº.] The total of all moneys written below owed to the said John for the three¹ years in which he was Mayor, or the particulars of their accounts as appears below, £21. 5s. 3¼*d.*

CXII. Receiver's Account.

Box 9, No. 201. [June—Jan. 1325-6.] vº. John Brid's account² (rendered) in the time of Robert of Stretton.

rº. John Brid's account of all his receipts and expenses for the West Bridge. (June 9, 1325—Jan. 20, 1326.) He answers for £15. 11s. 10½*d.*, received of Ralph Gerin from oblations at the Cross, with the sale of wax at the feast of Holy Cross³ as appears by an indenture. And 8s. 4*d.* for wax sold to Will. the Palmer, to Will. of Stapleford and others. And £1. 13s. 0*d.* received of Ralph Gerin from his collection. And £2. 9s. 7½*d.* received from the collection in the town. And £3. 10s. 0*d.* received of John Alsby, Mayor, by tally. Sum of the whole receipt £23. 17s. 10*d.*, proved.

Purchase of stone. Whereof he accounts in expenses for three hundred stones bought at the quarry (ad quararem), with stone received at All Saints Church, and for loading (carcatura) at the quarry £2. 0s. 6*d.* He accounts for 4s. for free stone bought of Will. Warren. And 8*d.* for freestone bought of Sir Henry the chaplain. He counts in hard stone bought of John of Ruddington 6*d.* And 2s. 4*d.* for the same from Will. of Cranford. And 3s. for the same from Richard the Clerk and his fellows. And the 10*d.* of Will. Waterman for the same. And the 9*d.* of Will. Back for the same. And 10*d.* for stones collected out of the water at various times, besides 16 carts from Sir John Leverick.—£2. 13s. 5*d.*⁴

Purchase of lime. He accounts for 11s. 6*d.* for 20 quarters of lime bought of Tho. Peyl with slaking (extingtion) and drink-money (beveragio⁵). And £1. 6s. 3*d.* for 45 quarters of lime bought of Will. Kynne, besides 7½ quarters of lime received of John of Norton, from the store (de stauro). And 2½ quarters received of Geoff. of Stanton from the store and 8 quarters received of the said Geoff. as a gift.—£1. 17s. 9*d.*

¹ In 20 Ed. II.; see CXIII.

² As receiver.

³ In the fourteenth century rolls it appears that alms for the bridges were collected in the Leicester parish churches.

⁴ All the payments marked "prob'," proved.

⁵ Paid on concluding a transaction.

He accounts for 7s. 7d. for 162 cart(load)s of sand bought, besides carriage and digging (fodiacionem).

Repair of Boats (Batell'). He accounts for 2s. for pitch, cobbler's wax (code), tallow and for "flockes"¹ for repairing boats and 2s. 8d. for boards bought of Will. the Cooper for the said work. And 6d. for iron nails. And 8d. for a carpenter's salary for two days.—5s. 10d.

Purchase of timber (meremii). He accounts for 12s. 11d. for beams (lingnis) bought before Sep. 16 in Saturday Market (in foro sabbati) for taking (capienda) water. And 1s. 6d. for a beam bought of John Alsy for the foundation (fundament') of two arches. (And 4 other beams, with names of sellers and prices.) And 1s. 3d. for beams bought at Ratby (Roteby) and in Saturday Market for making the centres (cyntres)². And 3d. for an axe (axse) bought, on which iron sockets (sokettes) were put. He accounts for 7s. 6d. for 30 hurdles (clayis) bought at Ratby and Newtown, and for carriage 1s. And 3d. for rods (virgis) bought. And 1s. 11d. for a quarter and a half (of lime?) and 4 boards bought for making centres. And 2d. for laths for the same. And 9½d. for three wheelbarrows³ (civeris) bought. And 5¼d. for three riddles (cribulis) bought. And 5d. for four bowls (boll') bought, and 1d. for a sieve (cribr') bought.—£1. 15s. 5¾d.

Carriage of stone. He accounts for 4s. 5d. for four cart(load)s of stone, hired in the week of St Thomas' Translation (July 7). And 3s. 1d. for three other carts in the same week. And 4s. for Will. de Cloune's cart, and Nic. the Farrier's and Ric. of Wanlip's in the same week. And 11s. 4d. for 11 carts on the Saturday after that feast. And 17s. 7d. for 16 carts in the same week. And 4s. 2d. for four carts on July 20. And 2s. 9d. for three carts in the week after the feast of St Bartholomew (Aug. 24). And 3s. for three carts in the week after the feast of St John. And 10d. for St Leonard's carts in the same week. And 1s. 1d. for Master Peter's cart in the same week. And 2s. 8d. for Will. de Cloune's cart in the week before the Nativity of the Virgin (Sep. 8) for two days. And 1s. 4d. for Henry Danet's cart in the same week. And 3s. 1d. for 3 carts on Saturday the vigil of the Virgin's Nativity and 5s. 1d. for 5 carts coming on the same day after noon. And 3s. 1d. for three carts on Tuesday before the feast of the Holy Cross (Sep. 14). And 8s. 1d. for 8 carts on Sep. 14. And 9s. 2d. for 9 carts in the week before the feast of St Matthew the Apostle (Sep. 21). And 5s. for 5 carts in the week before Michaelmas. And 5s. for 5 carts in the week in which St Denys' feast fell (Oct. 9).—£4. 14s. 9d.

Carriage of sand, clay and stone. He accounts for 8s. 6d. for Alex. of the Dovecote's (del Doufhou) cart in the week before the feast of St Peter in Chains (Aug. 1) and in the week following for 8½ days carrying sand, clay and hard stone. And 5s. 6d. for John Brid's cart for the same for 5½ days after the feast of St Peter. And 3s. for Nic. the Farrier's cart for two days and St Leonard's cart for one day for the same, and at the same time. And 1s. 6d. for Alex. of the Dovecote's cart for one day and a half in the week before St Bartholomew's feast (Aug. 24) for the same (etc.).—£1. 12s. 10d.

He accounts for 11¼d. for five workmen on Friday and Saturday before the feast of St Edith (Sep. 16) digging turves (fodiend' turbas), by day 1½d. And 2s. 7½d. for seven workmen on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next after the feast, digging

¹ Perhaps flock-wool for caulking seams.

² A temporary framework supporting a superstructure, more especially the wooden support and mould upon which an arch or dome is supported while building. N. E. D.

³ The price is low, but Thorold Rogers, *Prices*, i. 551, quotes four at an average of 5¾d.

turnes and carrying them by boat, $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per day. And $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ for five workmen on Tuesday before the feast of St James (July 25) for the same, $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per day. And $1s. 9\frac{3}{4}d.$ for 12 workmen on Wednesday following for the same at $1\frac{3}{4}d.$ And $3s. 4d.$ for 20 workmen on Friday after the feast for the same at $2d.$ per day. And $1s.$ for 12 workmen on Saturday following for the same at $2d.$ per day. And $3s. 4d.$ for 20 workmen on Monday next before Aug. 1, for the same by day as above. And $1s. 2d.$ for 7 workmen in the same night for throwing (iactand') water. And $4s.$ for 24 workmen on Wednesday following for the same. And $8d.$ for 4 workmen on that night for throwing water. And $2s. 8d.$ for 16 workmen for the same on Wednesday following. And $10d.$ for five workmen on the same night for throwing water. And $1s. 4d.$ for four workmen on Aug. 1, and on the night following in water (*sic*).

Aug. 2—Aug. 23, 78 workmen [paid $4d.$ a day if working day and night, $2d.$ if day or night, and on two occasions $1d.$ a day; similarly in Sep., and first three weeks of Oct., $2d.$ a day, but end of Oct. and beginning of Nov. $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ a day].—Total $\pounds 4. 4s. 7d.$

v°. *Purchase of iron.* He accounts for $2s. 0\frac{1}{2}d.$ for seven pieces of iron bought for two sockets. And $2s. 0\frac{1}{2}d.$ for making them. And $6s. 7\frac{1}{2}d.$ for sharpening axes and other implements and for putting handles on¹. And $8d.$ for iron nails bought for making the centres.— $11s. 4\frac{1}{2}d.$

Expenses for carpenters. He accounts for $2s. 8d.$ for two carpenters for four days in the week in which St James' feast fell. And $10d.$ for a carpenter on Monday and Tuesday before Aug. 1, and $1s. 8d.$ for two carpenters on Tuesday and Wednesday after, and $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ on Thursday and Friday the eve of St Laurence (Aug. 10) for one carpenter. And $5d.$ for a carpenter on Monday after the feast. And $1s. 4d.$ for two sawyers (sarratores) for two days in that week.— $7s. 6\frac{1}{2}d.$

Expenses for masons. He accounts for $\pounds 2. 1s. 2d.$ for the salary of Master Peter of Bagworth for nineteen weeks, that is to say from the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29) to the feast of St Martin (Nov. 10). And $2s.$ for the salary of Roger of Mountsorrel in the week before the feast of the Translation of St Thomas. And $4s.$ for the salary of Peter of Barnack in the week after the feast of St Thomas and the following week. And $1s. 8d.$ for Robert of Glaphthorn (Glaphthorp) in the week after the feast of St Mary Magdalen (July 22). And of $10d.$ for Alexander of the Dovecote for two days and a half in the week before St Peter's feast. And $15s. 8d.$ for eight masons in the week before St Laurence's feast. And $13s. 4d.$ for 8 masons in the week in which the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin fell. And $15s. 8d.$ for 8 masons in the week before the feast of St Bartholomew. And $11s. 8d.$ for 6 masons in the week in which the feast of St John fell. And $9s. 8d.$ for 5 masons in the week before the Nativity of the Blessed Mary (and 5 times more the same wage is paid. Other entries of wages paid to persons named).— $\pounds 8. 19s. 8d.$

He counts $1s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.$ in beer given to Master Peter and other masons at various times and for the ale which is called *Closinghale*.—Total $1s. 3\frac{1}{2}d.$

Hire of the house. He accounts for $5s.$ for a certain house hired for a year and 8 weeks, for lime and for masons and their implements and for wheelbarrows, riddles, tressels, centres and other things bought for the aforesaid work. Total $5s.$

He accounts for $3s. 4d.$ given at Loughborough for an amercement when he and many others of the community were attached for the gown (roba) of Master Peter of Bagworth, mason. The total appears.

¹ pro *hachis* et aliis utensilibus acuandis et asserandis. Asser=plank=handle.

Sum total of receipt £23. 17s. 10d. Sum total of expense £28. os. 5½d. And so the expenses exceed the receipts by £4. 2s. 7½d., which the community owes to him. And he shall acquit the community against all creditors.

Furthermore the said John claims allowance for his labour during the said time.

Note¹ that John Brid has in his keeping some small implements (utensilibus) with which he ought to be charged on his account to answer for them to the community, that is to say one axe on which he puts sockets of iron for 3d., 30 hurdles at Ratby for 7s. 6d. Three wheelbarrows for 9d. Riddles 5½d. Four bowls bought for 5d. One sieve for 1d. Two sockets of iron for 2s. 0½d.²—Total 11s. 5¾d.

CXIII. Mayor's Account.

Box 6, No. 140. [1326-7.] Account of John of Norton, Sep. 29, 20 Ed. (II.) to Sep. 29 following.

Gild payments £8. 19s. 0d. Rent of the booths 4s. 3s. 4d. from Will. of Wreton for a tallage made in the time of Will. of Lindrick for the King's Marshal. And £2. 4s. 0d. from Roger the Forester by tally for a certain tallage made for 20 men sent into Scotland with the lord Earl. And £4. 7s. 4d. received of divers men for the gift in aid (subsidiu) of a present sent to the lord Earl, as appears in a certain schedule sewn to this roll³. And 6d. received from the executors of the will of Henry of Thornton and of Will. of Northborough, clerk. And of 2s. the gift of the abbot of Leicester, and 5d. received for firewood (bosco focali) sold from the North Bridge. And 20s. received from the executors of the will of John of Stoughton, clerk.—Total £8. 1s. 1d.⁴, proved.

Sum total of the receipt £17. os. 1d.

(A slip is sewn on with the names of those who gave to the lord Earl's present, Sep. 4, 1327 :—

s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Joh. Alsy	10 0	Will. de Thurmes-		Tho. Mikelove	1 0
Will. del Wayn-		ton sutor	1 0	Joh. Tebold	1 0
hous	10 0	Joh. Brid	1 0	Will. Aurifaber	1 0
Hen. de Barkeby	2 0	Rob. de Resesby	1 6	Will. de Brouton	6
Will. de Cloune	2 0	Joh. de Ygwardeby	1 0	Walt. Fysh	2 0
Ric. Cagge	1 0	Joh. Martyn	1 0	Hug. de Moun-	
Rob. de Stocton	1 0	Rob. le Porter	1 0	sorel	2 0
Adam. le Barker	2 0	Ric. Leverich	2 0	Hen. de Petlyng	3 4
Joh. de Stocton	1 0	Joh. Leverich	3 4	Ric. de Stoke	6
Joh. de Digeby	1 0	Joh. le Marwe	3 4	Will. de Beby	1 0
Galf. de Kent	1 0	Hug. de Knygton	2 0	Will. de Anlep	1 0
Will. le Porter		Joh. de Knytecote	1 0	Will. Wareyn	1 0
senior	2 0	Will. le Palmer	2 0	Will. de Lotter-	
Will. de Clipeston	1 0	Pet. le Palmer	6	worth	1 0
Barthol. de Knyg-		Will. le Cu	1 0	Ric. Ma[r]tyn	6
ton	1 0	Will. de Beby	1 0	Will. de Sothfolk	1 0
Will. de Gouteby	3 0	Joh. de Lydinton	1 0	Will. de Holgate	6
Sim. Norman	3 4	Joh. de Wyluby	1 0	Rob. Lorimer	2 0
Rob. de Branston	1 0	Joh. de Sallowe	6	Rob. de Dalby	6)

¹ Memorandum fastened in with this roll.

² See the list, p. 350.

³ See below.

⁴ For £8. 2s. 1d.

Expenses. Bread and beer to Rob. of Gaddesby, Steward, Oct. 18. And again in Dec. Also to Sir Ric. of Edgbaston and Rob. Burdet, coming from Kenilworth on the business of the lord Earl. And to Sir Ric. de Riveres coming with the lord's palfreys from Stamford fair. And 1s. 8d. in 1 quarter of oats for the said palfreys. Bread, wine, and beer to Sir John de Kynardeseye; Easter week, beer to Sir Ric. de Riveres; bread, beer, and pigeons to Sir Rob. of Gaddesby; bread and wine to Sir. Ric. de Riveres coming with the lord Earl's horses towards Scotland, in May, and a quarter of hay for the said horses; wine to Sir Will. de Herle in Aug. and to Sir Will. le Blond, and again for his dinner, and to his wife in Sep., with beer to Rob. of Gaddesby, and wine in the tavern for Will. Baret and his fellow's dinner. Also for the esquires and officers of the Earl coming out of Scotland before the Earl's arrival. Bread and wine to Sir. Ric. de Riveres, coming on Saturday next before Michaelmas with the body of the Countess¹.—£1. 3s. 3d.

He counts £1. 15s. 3d. in timber bought for the use of the North Bridge. And 6s. 8d. for the salaries of two carpenters for 10 days. And 2s. 2d. for the sawing of the said timber. And 1s. 2d. for the carriage of the said timber to the Bridge. And 10d. for the salary of two workmen for 5 days.—Total £2. 6s. 1d.

He counts 7d. for locks, keys (*clavis, sic*) and hasps remade for the West Gate. And 2d. for locks and hasps for the South Gate.—Total 9d.

He counts 3s. paid to two grooms going to Bristol and staying there for 9 days to find out what the magnates were doing (*ad explorand' facta magnatum*) there after the feast of St Luke the Evangelist². And 2s. paid to a certain groom going to and coming from Gloucester and Hereford on Nov. 4, on the aforesaid business.—Total 5s.

[The pence to the messengers.] And 2s. paid to a certain groom carrying letters of the lord Earl to the lord King and Queen³ and Chancellor⁴ by the order of the lord Earl. And 6d. given to John le Waite for shoes. And 1s. given to the messengers of the lord Earl. And 3s. 4d. given to Robert de Mammesfield on May 4, carrying the letter of the lord King under the Privy Seal and also the writ of the lord King under the Great Seal to the Mayor and community for obtaining men in his Scotch war (*gwerra*). (And other messengers from the King's wardrobe, etc.)—Total 12s. 8d.

Expenses concerning the Gildhall. He counts 4s. 9d. for 38 cartloads of sand. And 3s. 8d. for 28 cartloads of stones. And 6d. for freestone for the windows. And 3s. for a cart hired for three days to carry the said stone. And 11s. 7½d. for 31 quarters of lime (*calsis*). And 4s. for 2½ thousand slates. And 6d. for carrying of stone outside the garden of Richard Leverich and for carriage as far as the Gildhall. And 6s. in the wage of 2 masons for 9 days (working) on the hall and chamber. And 3s. 4d. in the wage of two men serving those masons on those days. And 1s. 6d. in three hundred laths. And 2s. 6d. in lathnails, boardnails and spikenails⁵. And 7d. in eaves-board (*evesebord*). And 2s. 2d. in timber bought for studs (*stodes*)⁶, footing-beams⁷ (*fotyngges*) and saddle-beams (*sadlyng*)⁸ and for the gable (*gabla*)

¹ Maud, daughter of Sir Patrick Chaworth.

² Oct. 1326, when Edward III. was proclaimed guardian of the realm.

³ Edward II. and Isabella.

⁴ John Hotham, Bishop of Ely.

⁵ *Latthenayl, bordnayl et spiky(n)g*.

⁶ Parker's *Glossary of Archit.* The intermediate posts in partitions or woodwork, uprights, or quarters.

⁷ See p. 297.

⁸ "Saddle" is used in building for the thin board placed on the floor in the opening of a doorway between the jambs, but here it seems to be part of the roof.

of the hall. And 1s. in the wage of a carpenter for 3 days making the aforesaid work. And 10s. 6d. for the roofing of the hall and chamber by the piece (ad tascam). And 2s. 6d. in pargetting¹ (perjactacione) the hall and chamber by the piece. And 3d. for the locks of the door of the hall and staples (stapeles) for the windows.—Total £2. 18s. 4½d.

He counts 20s. given to Sir Richard de Riveres, for obtaining counsel and aid, by the counsel and assent of John Alsy (3 named) and others of the community of the town. And 6s. 8d. given to Robert of Gaddesby, Steward, by the consent of the aforesaid John and the others. And 10s. given to John Sottemay for saving (salvand²) the town at the parliament of Lincoln². And 3s. given to Will. the Marshal of the lord Earl and John Joy for hose.—Total £1. 19s. 8d.

He counts in a present sent to the lord Earl by the advice and consent of all the community on Sep. 11 : that is to say in bread 11s. 6d., in a tun of wine £5, 2 carcasses of beef £1, five carcasses of pork 17s. 6d. In the carriage of the same present to the castle 3d.—Total £7. 9s. 3d.

He counts 6s. 8d. paid to Hugh of Peckleton³ for his service. And 6s. 8d. paid to Peter At the Bridge (attebrigg), the clerk, for his salary. And 6d. for parchment. And 3d. for a little sack for the rolls.—Total 14s. 1d.

The said John of Norton claims allowance for his clerk's table.

Sum total of expenses, charges and payments £19. 9s. 1d. Sum total of charge and expense £19⁴. 9s. 1d., † besides the expenses not yet allowed †⁵.

v°. Note that John of Norton rendered his account on Sep. 21, 1329, for the time when he was Mayor of the town of Leicester 20 Ed. II., before Robert of Stretton then Mayor, and (nine) auditors appointed for the said account. And the sum total of his receipt for the same time is £17. 0s. 1d. and the sum of charge and expense for the same time £19. 9s. 1d. And so the expenses exceed the receipts by 9s., which the community owes the said John. And he will discharge the community against all creditors contained in his account.

CXIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 32. [1326–7.] In the time of John of Norton, Mayor, 20 Ed. II., at the term beginning at Michaelmas.

Morningspeech of the town of Leicester, Oct. 17, 1226. Will. of Knighton, draper, for certain trespasses done against the Mayor and community is deprived of his Gild⁶, and makes fine for £5, which is afterwards remitted for 1s., which he pays and is quit. (Meetings, Nov. 7, 1 entry, Nov. 14, 2, Nov. 21, 7, Nov. 28, 2, Dec. 19, 1 : 1327 Ap. 3, 2, May 22, 1, June 12, 3, June 19, 3.)

CXV. *Lists of Gild Entries⁷.*

Box 1, No. 18. [1298–9.] Walt. de Houton, Ric de Gretham, Joh. de Lobbesthorp, Rog. de Syleby (s. p.), Adam de Derby, Will. Bonyfaunt, Pet. Schaune (s. p.), Rog. fil. Gilberti, Rad. Cokinbred, Ric. Thurston (s. p.), Walt. Aldyth, Will. de

¹ Or plastering.

² Sep. 1327.

³ Serjeant.

⁴ xix. † vii. † in MS.

⁵ Deleted in MS.

⁶ Abiudicatus est a Gilda sua.

⁷ Compiled in part from those gild rolls where they are well preserved, in part from a list of names, without payments, in Box 2, No. 59, covering 1–20 Ed. II. The asterisk marks those born in Leicester who pay 3s. entrance, s. p. those who inherit the father's seat : the others pledge £2 and the bull, making fine as a rule for 6s. 8d.

Kirkeby, Tho. Norman, Will. de Kibworth, Pat. de Ernesby, Gilb. le Naylere, Hugo de Braunceston, Gilb. de Halnick', Ric de Glen, carpenter, Will. le Fournier (s. p.), Will. de Holgate (s. p.), Tho. Waryn, * Joh. Alsy, * Hen. Sturdy, Adam le Tanour de Thorp, Ric. de Brackele, Joh. de Coventria (s. p.), * Alan. Chirrey, Will. de Southfolch, Joh. de Houghton, clericus, * Sim. Virly, * Ric. Parser.

Box 1, No. 19. [1299-1300.] Joh. Botte (s. p.), Will. fil. Willelmi de Scheyle (s. p.), Will. le Straunge, * Rob. Curteys, Ad. de Petlinge, Ric. de Lidington, Rog. de Braunceston, Rob. de Asshebourn, Joh. le Rydere (s. p.), Sim. de Hodingges, Rob. de Holewell, Augustinus le Whyttawere, Joh. Doughty, Hen. le Glovere, Will. de Anelep, * Will. Canoun, * Ric. de Houby junior, * Will. de Holgate junior, * Will. de Craunford, Will. le Rydere.

Box 1, No. 23. [1305-6.] Joh. Gunfrey, Will de Waltham, Rob. de Ronde, * Galf. Nicole, * Joh. fil. Willelmi le Mercer, Tho. fil. Roberti de Wyluby (s. p.), Will. fil. Thome le Tayllur (s. p.), Rob. Russel de Outheby, Rog. de Gretham, Galf. de Thornton, * Rad. fil. Johannis de Burton.

Box 1, No. 24. [1306-7.] * Sim. de Queryngdon, * Will. Ovirnon, * Ric. fil. Mathei de Northfolch, Hen. Flemmyng (s. p.), Will. de Wrelton, Joh. de Framelyngham, Walt. Fysh de Montsorel, Rob. de Beby, * Joh. le Marwe, Tho. de Nicole dictus de Barkeby, Steph. Giffard, * Hugo de Knygton, * Galf. de Thorp, Joh. de Wyluby (s. p.). (Rest torn.)

Box 2, No. 59, and Box 1, No. 22. [1307-8.] Tho. de Whitewyk (s. p.), Rob. famulus Poney, Rog. de Barewe, irnemonger, Joh. de Beby, Joh. de Boseworth, * Walt. Mile, * Will. de Foxton, Rob. de Prestewold, Ric. Wery, Will. Tarteyn de Quenyburgh, * Joh. fil. Willelmi de Billesdon, * Joh. Brid, Will. de Knyghton (s. p.), Will. de Tokeby, * Joh. de Claybrok, Pet. de Thorp, Rog. Pyk, Joh. de Mousele, Rob. de Billesdon, Rad. de Euyngton, Nic. de Alverton, Joh. de Stoghton, tanator, * Joh. fil. Galfridi de Brandeston.

[1308-9.] Will. fil. Thome de Belegrove, Nic. Davy de Farnedon, Walt. le Furbere, Aug. le Furner, Ric. de Weldon, Rog. le Belleyetere, Joh. de Ingwardeby, Nic. de Burton, Joh. de Boseworth, Joh. de Coventre, clericus, Hen. de Boresworth, Rob. de Ilueston.

Box 1, No. 3. [1309-10.] Joh. de Donington, Will. Haliday, Joh. de Stoke, * Rob. fil. Rogeri, porter, Galf. Olde, Tho. de Glenfeld, Galf. de Thorp, Hugo de Knyghton, Joh. de Sutton, Iuo de Baggeworth, * Rob. Fode, Will. de Gouteby, * Matt. Ingram, Joh. de Tokeby, Bert. de Knyghton, Will. de Neubaud, Will. de Thurmeston, Will. de Outheby, * Sim. Keling, * Walt. Aldyth, Ad. fil. Roberti Gylote, Joh. fil. Will. Norman, Will. Wynd, * Walt. de Assheby, Will. de Queneby, Will. de Anlep, Reg. de Tokeby, Hen. de Assheby, Tho. Wyngere, Rad. Samme, Nic. de Knapetoft, Joh. de Ludgate, Sim. de Aylleston, * Will. Crok, * Rad. Curteys, Hen. de Ilveston, Mat. le Taverner, Ric. de Tykehull, Ric. de Stretton, Tho. Ernald.

Box 2, No. 28. [1310-11.] * Sim. fil. Johannis le Swon, * Joh. Toth junior, Galf. de Sallowe, Joh. le Vssher, Galf. de Osberston, * Rob. Samuell, Rob. Wantoun, * Ric. de Anlep, Nic. de Kilburn, Will. le Coupere, Ric. de Billesdon, * Rob. Abram, Will. Julian de Ernesby, * Ric. de Knyghton, Alex. de Frollesworth, Ad. Whyte de Braunston, Joh. fil. Laurencii Ebroud, Elyas le Seler, * Will. de Clympston, Rad. de Osberston, Hen. de Belegraue, Galf. de Belton, Daut le Coupere, * Will. fil. Mathei de Northfolch, Joh. de Kybbeworth, * Pet. fil. Willelmi Palmere, Nic. Frere de Flekeneye, Will. de Rolleston, Hen. de Cressebrok, * Ric. Osemound, Rog. de Therkefeld, * Laur. de Sibleby, * Nic. fil. Johannis Martyn, Hen. de Skeffynghon, Ric. de Merkfeld (s. p.).

Box 1, No. 4. [1311-12.] Hugo de Walkerleye, Hugo de Peighcelton, Pet. Attebrigge, Alan. le Blake, Walt. de Quenyburgh, *Hen. fil. Johannis de Assheby, Tho. fil. Ricardi Louerd, Joh. le Ussher junior.

Box 1, No. 5. [1312-13.] Adam le Boughere, Rob. de Pynchebek, *Joh. fil. Roberti de Scharneforde.

Box 2, No. 29. [1313-4.] Ric. de Friseby, Will. Ace (s. p.), Tho. de Tameworth, Hen. Merlyng, Will. de Fylomlee, Will. Harston, Will. de Wystowe (s. p.), Ric. de Preston, Will. le Tauborer, Joh. de Hyham, Ric. de Manton junior, Rob. de Reresby, Ric. Blanchard de Peighcelton, Tho. de Scharnford (s. p.).

Box 2, No. 30. [1314-5.] Will. le Taverner de Newerk, Rob. de Greseleye, *Joh. fil. Roberti Geryn, Will. de Welleham, Will. de Normanton, Adam le Irnemongere, Galf. Ammory de Wykingston, *Ric. Botte, Hen. de Groby (s. p.), Joh. Balle (s. p.), *Galf. le Palmer, Rog. de Marneham, Joh. Pays (s. p.), Rob. Hereward, clericus, Will. de Hale, Ric. de Neuton, Ric. fil. Ricardi de Staunton, *Joh. Martyn, Will. Sprot, Hen. de Knyghton, Will. de Lutterworth, tanator, *Tho. fil. Nicholai de Sutton, *Joh. de Holegate, Ric. de Rothewell, Joh. le Dextere, Rob. Pyk, Joh. de Loughteburgh, Thos. de Petlyng, Hen. de Braundeston, Alex. de Boseworth, Rog. le Palmere (s. p.), Hen. de Groby, Rob. le Sheperde, Hugo de Braunston, tanator, Hen. de Aylleston, tanator, Ric. de Carleton, Ad. de Blanck, Will. de Barewe, Rotarius, Ad. le Lorimer, Pet. Cagge, Joh. Pays, Rob. de Croxton, carpentarius, Ric. de Humberston, Joh. de Wylughby, Will. Illory de Wylughby, *Ric. de Busseby, Joh. de Bocharston, *Joh. Leuerich, Tho. fil. Willelmi Daubeney, Gilb. de Northburgh, *Joh. Pictor junior.

Box 1, No. 9. [1315-6.] *Hen. le Marewe, Will. de Exton, Joh. de Diggeby, Hugo de Slepe, *Will. Turnour junior, Tho. de Kirkeby, sutor, Joh. Abbot, Rob. de Humberston, Ric. de Stoke, Walt. de Stanton, Joh. le Neger de Wylughby, *Rob. le Baxtere.

Box 1, No. 10. [1316-7.] Rob. de Lincolnia, *Ric. Martyn, *Ric. Leuerich.

Box 5, No. 112. [1317-8.] Hen. de Neubolt, *Will. de Knyghton, Reg. Tugge, *Will. le Porter junior, *Sim. Norman, Galf. le Porter, sutor, Tho. Fox, Will. de Clowne, Joh. fil. Willelmi de Thurmeston, pistor (s. p.).

Box 2, No. 31. [1318-9.] Galf. Fysshe, Ad. de Lycchefeld. Pet. de Crendon, Will. de Rokyngham, Sim. Curlyvache, Rob. de Benham, Joh. Laules, Ric. de Newerk, *Rob. le Gardener, Rob. de Thirneby, Will. de Boning, Will. de Assheby, *Rob. Marewe, Joh. de Thurkeston, *Will. Cagge, *Joh. fil. Roberti Kelyng, Rob. de Stoghton, carpentarius, Rad. Mikelloue (s. p.), Ric. fil. Roberti de Skeffington (s. p.).

Box 1, No. 13. [1319-20.] Tho. le Barber de Burton, Rad. de Lutterworth, Will. fil. Thome Waryn (s. p.), Ric. de Knighton fil. Roberti de Knighton (s. p.), Joh. Ode, Joh. Rande, Nic. de Beby, tanator, *Joh. de Walkeneby, *Joh. Tebald, Ric. de Ernesby, *Joh. de Busseby, Sim. le Barbour, Will. Aurifaber, Will. Gilbert de Cayham, Joh. de Notyngham, Galf. de Kent, *Rob. le Mercer, *Joh. de Galeby de Knyghton, Joh. Mildryth de Knyghton, Joh. fil. Willelmi de Broghton, Will. Motoun, sellar', *Ad. de Foston, *Rob. Fode, clericus, Rob. de Minsterton, Joh. de Stoghton, maltmakere, Simon de Brampton, Joh. Manneys, Rog. de Stoghton, Hen. fil. Willelmi de Morton (s. p.), Rob. fil. Godefridi de Scharnton (s. p.).

Box 2, No. 59 only. [1320-1.] Hen. fil. Alani de Rothewell, Will. de Minsterton, Will. Gaunter, Hen. de Wythcok, Hen. Geffrey de Louseby, Rob. Burgeys, Tho. Aboueton, Joh. de Ilueston, carpentarius, Will. de Naneby, Rad. Geryn, Joh. de

Knyghton, tannator, Joh. de Estnorton, Joh. de Bildeston, Joh. de Melburne, barbator domini comitis¹, Rob. de Stretton, clericus, Simon le Swon.

Box 5, No. 115. [1321-2.] Galf. de Eboraco (s. p.), Hen. de Foston, * Ric. Whitchild, * Joh. de Stoghton, * Will. le Lorimer, Will. de Mountsorell, pistor.

Box 2, No. 59 only. [1322-3.] Tho. de Stanton, sutor, Will. Geryn.

Box 1, No. 16. [1323-4.] Rad. le Lorimer, Ad. de Tilton, sutor, Hen. de Thurmeston, pistor, Ric. de Ryston, tannator, Will. de Beby, Ric. de Staunford, * Joh. Bonyfaunt, Will. Ribyf de Otewell, Joh. de Wolneye, Nic. le Baxtere, Sim. de Aylleston (s. p.), Galf. de Aylleston, clericus, Hen. de Hameldon, Joh. Wade, Will. de Wylughby, Walt. de Thurmeston, tannator, Laur. de Caldelowe, Ric. de Stafford, cocus, Rob. fil. Willelmi Palmer, Will. de Thurmeston, pistor, * Hugo fil. Hugonis le Turner, Joh. de Gotham, Will. le Dextere, Rog. le Bee (s. p.), Will. le Fisser (s. p.), Adam fil. Hugonis Waterman (s. p.), Galf. fil. Alicie le Barker (s. p.), Nic. Blanchard (s. p.).

Box 2, No. 59 only. [1324-5.] Will. de Humberston, mercator, Will. de Beby, Rob. Ipotecarius de Eboraco, Rog. Bonyfaunt.

[1325-6.] Will. de Roteby.

Box 2, No. 32. [1326-7.] * And. Sixeantwenty, Rog. de Burton, Joh. fil. Thome Mikellou, Hen. de Baddesle, Ric. de Baddesle, Joh. de Bedeford, Ric. de Ludgate, * Will. Caritas, Thos. le Mareshhall (*sic*), * Sim. Steyn, * Joh. fil. Willelmi Walkere, Joh. de Normanton, Rog. de Barkeby, Alan. de Desford, Nic. de Merkfeld, Laur. de Loughteburgh, Pet. Tengy, * Hen. Wery, Alan. de Boresworth, Ric. de Braunston, piscator, Nic. de Soudon, Will. Belamy de Montsorell, Will. fil. Roberti Gentile (s. p.), Will. Sturdy (s. p.).

CXVI. *Coroners' Rolls.*

Box 9, No. 203, 1 (1). r^o. Placita corone de anno xxv.² Contigit quod Will. Daniel, latro [Aug. 1, 1297], fugit ad ecclesiam S. Margarete Leycestrie et ibidem morauit per xii dies et coram Laurencio le

CXVI. Pleas of the crown of the 25th year of Edward I.

It chanced that Will. Daniel, thief, fled to the church of St Margaret of Leicester and stayed there for 12 days³, and before Laur. le Seller and Will.

¹ The Earl's barber.

² At the head of the third sheet the clerk has entered :—Roll of Laur. le Seller and Will. of Lindrick for part of the 25th year, the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th and 35th years, and for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth of Edward II.

³ "Every consecrated church was a sanctuary. If a malefactor took refuge therein he could not be extracted, but it was the duty of the four neighbouring villis to beset the holy place, prevent his escape and send for a coroner. The coroner came and parleyed with the refugee, who had his choice between submitting to trial and abjuring the realm." If he abjured the realm his lands escheated, his chattels were forfeited, and if he returned he was an outlaw. Here the refugee chose trial and made a bad choice. See *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 588.

Seller et Willelmo de Lyndrich Coronatoribus venit ad pacem, et ductus ad prisonam domini regis Warrewick' et ibi coram domino Hugone de Braundeston et socio suo posuit se de bono et malo et pro diuersis roberiis: per Inquisicionem inuentus culpabilis: ideo suspens[us]: catalla habuit scilicet i equum pro iiiis., i gladium pro xviid., et i anelacium pro vid. vnde Rog. de Glen clericus et balliuis de Leycestria respondebit pro equo et Will. de Aston capellanus dicte ecclesie respondebit pro gladio et anelacio.

Contigit quod Joh. le Noble [July 4, 1297] fugit ad ecclesiam S. Johannis Leicestrie et ibidem coram (Coroners as above and the bailiffs of Leicester) cognouit se latronem esse et maxime de Burgeria cuiusdam domus in *Le Hotegate* de Leycestria: et abiurauit regnum Anglie et datus est ei portus Douer: habuit catalla scilicet i fermaculum argenteum pro vid. i gladium pro vid. vnde...balliuis respondebit.

of Lindrick, coroners¹, he came to peace² and was taken to the prison of the lord the King at Warwick³, and there before Hugh of Braunston⁴ and his fellow, he put himself [upon the country⁵] for good or ill and for diuers robberies: he was found guilty by the Inquest: therefore he was hanged: he had chattels⁶, to wit one horse for⁷ 4s., 1 sword for 1s. 6d. and a short knife for 6d.: wherefor Roger of Glen, clerk and bailiff of Leicester, will answer⁸ for the horse and Will. of Aston, chaplain of the said church, for the sword and knife.

It chanced that John the Noble fled to the church of St John of Leicester⁹ and there before (as above) he confessed himself to be a thief, and especially he confessed the burglary of a house in *Le Hotegate*¹⁰ of Leicester: and he abjured the realm of England, and the port of Dover is given him: he had chattels, to wit one silver clasp for 6d., 1 sword for 6d. whereof the bailiff will answer.

¹ The borough coroners were burgesses, not knights as the county coroners were. They were elected by the burgesses. A royal grant was required to secure them. See Gross, *Coroners' Rolls*, p. xxii. (Selden Society.) Laur. le Seller, coroner till 15 Ed. II., was bailiff and Mayor during his time of office.

² He chose trial, instead of confessing and abjuring the realm.

³ Leicester had no county gaol until 1309, when the new one was finished. (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1309, Aug. 2.) Till then the King's prisoners were kept in Warwick gaol.

⁴ Justice of Gaol Delivery.

⁵ That is he chose to be tried by a jury.

⁶ On the important part that the chattels play, see Gross. A large part of the profits of justice arose from the felon's chattels, which are carefully appraised.

⁷ For appraised at.

⁸ The property was placed in the charge of the bailiff, to be accounted for at the next Eyre.

⁹ St John's Hospital by Causeway Lane.

¹⁰ Leading from the High Cross or the end of St Nicholas Street to the West Bridge. Cf. Thompson, p. 198, which seems to prove North's identification with Silver Street to be incorrect.

Anno xxvi. Contigit [Dec. 4, 1297] post horam nonam quod cum Joh. de Hynkele locatus fuit ad fod[i]endum in crofto Henrici de Thornton in parochia S. Michaelis Leycestrie, et fod[i]endo cecidit et subitanea morte obiit, et Alicia vxor eius presens leuauit hutesium: villate venerunt scilicet porte Orientalis, Occidentalis, Australis et Boralis et mandauerunt...coronatores et balliuos Leycestrie: vnde capta fuit Inquisicio, qui dicunt (*sic*) quod neminem habent suspectum de dicta morte nisi sicut predictum est: plegii inventoris (2).

Contigit [Dec. 14] quod cum Will. de Donington vicarius de Barkeby venit de foro Leycestrie et cum venit in quodam loco qui vocatur *le Belegrauelyng*, obuiauit latrones ignotos qui ipsum insultauerunt et wlnerauerunt: et postea dictus W. rediit ad villam Leycestrie ad domum Ricardi Cagge et [Dec. 15] habuit iura ecclesie et obiit. [His niece raised the hue etc. as above. Inquest says that it suspects no one but the said unknown thieves.]

26 Ed. I. It happened after noon¹ that when John of Hinckley was hired to dig in Henry of Thornton's croft in the parish of St Michael of Leicester, and in digging he fell down and died by sudden death, and Alice his wife² being present raised the hue: the townships came, that is the East, West, South and North gates³ and ordered...coroners and the bailiffs of Leicester: whereof an Inquest was taken, who say that they suspect no one of the said death but as is aforesaid. Pledges of the finder (2)⁴.

It chanced that when W. of Donington vicar of Barkby came to Leicester market and when he came to a certain place called *Le Bellegrauelyng*, he met thieves unknown who assaulted and wounded him: and afterwards the said W. returned to the town of Leicester to Ric. Cagge's house and had the rites of the church⁵ and died.

¹ On the importance of the hour, see Maitland, *Gloucester Pleas*, p. 147.

² As first finder of the body. Britton says that in cases of accidental death it was not necessary to raise the hue (i. 39), but there are several instances below which show that it was sometimes raised.

³ This unusual phrase is interesting. It occurs in every entry on these rolls which speaks of the raising of the hue. It is well known that in boroughs, wards took the place of "the four neighbouring vills," but the above phrase shows an intervening stage in which they are deemed to be the four neighbouring vills. Prof. Maitland has suggested that the four vills are the four quarters East, West, North and South of the neighbourhood. (*Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 641.) Mr Gross thinks that in the 13th and 14th centuries the vills were not usually taken from the four points of the compass (*Coroners' Rolls*, p. 40), but this Leicester phrase may show the original idea still at work. There seems no trace of the coalescence of four ancient 'tuns' in the borough of Leicester. How many men of the villata were to come was not determined. Gross, p. xxxi.

⁴ The finder of the body was attached by two pledges to appear at the trial.

⁵ In this case the finder was not attached; Gross explains that, if there was time for the rites of the church to be administered, there was time for the victim to exculpate the finder, p. 25.

Contigit quod Galf. le Masoun cementarius captus per suspeccionem latrocinii cum manu opere¹ videlicet cum vestimentis, suppellicis, libris et aliis ornamentis ecclesie inuentis in possessione sua et de ecclesia S. Leonardi Leycestrie depredatis extra dictam ecclesiam, que² quidem ecclesia defurgata fuit infra tres dies precedentes per ipsum latronem et alios: et ductus ad prisonam ville Leycestrie. [Before Hugh of Braunston Feb. 20, 1298 he put himself for good or ill, and was hanged.] Et nulla habuit catalla preter predicta ornamenta que appreciantur ad iiis. vnde Rob. de Scharneforde respondebit.

Joh. de Bautre suspensus ad sectam Christiane de Shaldeforde [before Hugh of Braunston and the Justices of Gaol Delivery Ap. 7, 1298] pro roberia super dictam Christianam facta in campo de Shaldeford [Ap. 1] et in villa Leycestrie captus. Et habuit catalla scilicet xxix*d.* q^a qui sunt in manibus Thome Gounfrey et Laurencii le Seller³ tunc balliuorum: vnde respondebunt.

Will. le Norreys captus in domo Henrici de Glen de Leycestria [May 7, 1298] cum xxv bobus, vaccis et iuuentis quos et quas furatus fuit in parco de [W]yrkesope: et ad sectam Johannis Toby querentis suspensus fuit in curia domini Comitis Leycestrie [May 13, 1298]: habuit in denariis v marcas sterlingorum, i equum pro xs. et sunt in manibus [Johannis] de Holt tunc Senescalli honoris Leycestrie vnde

It chanced that Geoff. the Mason, mason, was taken on suspicion of larceny hand-having, that is to say with the vestments, surplices, books and other church ornaments found in his possession, and stolen from the church of St Leonard of Leicester out of the said church, which church was burgled within the three preceding days by this thief and others: and he was taken to the prison of the town⁴ of Leicester....And he had no chattels but the said ornaments, which are appraised at 3*s.* whereof Rob. of Sharnford will answer.

John of Bawtry hanged at the suit of Christiana of Scalford...for robbery done on the said Christiana in Scalford Field, and taken in the town of Leicester. And he had chattels, to wit 2*s.* 5½*d.* which are in the hands of Tho. Gunfrey and Laur. le Seller then bailiffs, whereof they will answer.

Will. the Northerner taken in the house of Henry of Glen of Leicester with 25 oxen, cows and bullocks stolen from Worksop park: and at the suit of John Toby plaintiff he was hanged in the court of the lord Earl of Leicester. He had in money 5 marks sterling, one horse for 10*s.*, and they are in the hands of John of Holt then Steward of the Honour of Leicester,

¹ With the 'mainour,' hand-having, that is the stolen goods were found on the person of the thief. See Stevenson's *Gloucester Records*, p. 13.

² MS. *qui*.

³ Both bailiff and coroner.

⁴ As distinct from the county gaol.

respondebit; et i supertunicam pro iiiis. i gladium pro iis. et [sunt in] manibus Rogeri le Porter Janitoris de Leycestria vnde respondebit.

— paruus, Will. Spryng, et Will. Stalle fregerunt domum Johannis le Somenour de Leycestria: capti fuerunt in Leycestria ad sectam dicti J. saisiti¹ de i gladio et i chalone pro iis. viii*d*. [i p]eluim cum lauatorio pro iis. de bonis predicti J. [Mar. 24, 1298] et in curia de Portmannemot suspensi² ad sectam prefati J. vbi [in] gratia se posuerunt: nulla habuerunt catalla preter prefatum pelfrum quod statim post deliberatum fuit predicto J. pro secta etc.

Gilb. Makeleys of Houghton, taken in the Earl's liberty in the said town of Houghton [May 14, 1298] and taken to the prison of the Castle of Leicester, escaped from the prison and caught in Houghton and taken back to prison, died there before he was convicted.

Contigit [Nov. 16, 1298] circa mediam noctem quod cum Galf. Curleuache surrexit amens et demens et ebrius et ambulauit ad Soram extra portam borialem in vico fullonum per infortunium cecidit in aqua et submersit. [His wife Emma found him drowned, raised the hue; death by misadventure. Pledges of the finder.]

v^o. Placita de anno XXVIII.

Rog. Dun de la Marche latro captus [Jan. 12, 1300] et saisitus de diuersis latrociniiis et in prisonatus in castro Leycestrie [Jan. 23] coram

whereof he will answer, and one supertunic for 4*s*., one sword for 2*s*., and they are in the hands of Roger the Porter, Porter of Leicester³, whereof he will answer.

— Little, W. Spring, and W. Stall broke into the house of John the Summoner of Leicester: they were taken in Leicester at the suit of the said John, seised of one sword and one blanket for 2*s*. 8*d*., one basin with a laver for 2*s*. of the goods of the said John...and in the court of Portmanmoot, they were hanged at the suit of the said John, where they put themselves in grace: they had no chattels except the said pelf⁴, which immediately after was delivered to the said John for suit etc.

It chanced about midnight that when Geoff. Curlevach got up mad and raving and drunk and walked to the Soar outside the North gate in the Fullers' Street⁵, by accident he fell into the water and was drowned.

Pleas of the 28th year.

Roger Dun of the March, thief, taken and seised of diuers larcenies and imprisoned in Leicester castle before the coroners of the lord King and

¹ As they were taken in Leicester hand-having, this was a case of Infangthief, and it will be seen that the Borough could punish the criminals.

² *s*.^o.

³ Castle Porter.

⁴ Or pilfered goods.

⁵ Walker Lane, now Soar Lane.

...(as above) coronatoribus domini Regis et domino W. de Castello vicecomite comitatus Leycestrie, Thome (*sic*) Gounfrey et Petro Ounfrey tunc Balliuis eiusdem ville, cognouit se esse latronem de pluribus latrociniis et roberiis et precipue de quadam roberia facta apud Luton in comitatu Bedford, vnde habuit ad partem suam lxs. sterlingorum, viii cocleares argenti, i capucium de virida furra de minouerr', et cognouit quod ad illam roberiam interfuerunt plures, videlicet Ric. le Botiler de la March, Hen. Droys, et Reg. Droys, et Phil. Hod, Tho. Porteyoye, garcio predicti Phil., Walt. garcio dicti Reg., Ric. de Wyk molendinarius, Will. de Minstrich, Joh. filius Guidonis de London, Alan. de Suthsex, Joh. de Siccavill', Will. de Byrie qui facit se personam et non est, et aliquis Brunrobyn et Joh. Harding, garcio eiusdem Roberti, quos coram predictis coronatores (*sic*) appellauit de predictis latrociniis et [Feb. 7, midnight] euasit a predicta prisona vsque ad ecclesiam de Belegraue. Et de eadem ecclesia venit ad pacem domini Regis et ductus fuit ad prisonam castri Leycestrie et postea per preceptum domini Willelmi Ingg¹ ductus ad prisonam Gloucestrie; sed quid postea de predicto appellatore et de *appellacione* factum fuit ignorant. [A similar entry concerning Ric. le Botiler.]

Catalla eorundem.

In primis i supertunica de nigro *say* pro iiis. Item i supertunica

Sir W. de Castello, sheriff of the County of Leicester², Tho. Gunfrey and Peter Ounfrey then bailiffs of the said town, confessed himself to be the thief concerned in many larcenies and robberies and particularly of a certain robbery done at Luton in Bedfordshire, whereof he had as his share 60s. sterling, 8 silver spoons, one hood of vair of minever³, and he confessed that at that robbery many were present, to wit Ric. the Butler of the March, H. Droys, and Reg. Droys, and Phil. Hod and T. Portejoy, groom of the said Philip, Walter, groom of the said Reginald, R. of Wick, miller, W. of Minstrich (?), J. son of Guy of London, Alan of Sussex, J. of Satchville, W. of Berry who makes himself parson and is none, and a certain Brown Robin and J. Harding, groom of the said Robert, whom he appealed before the said coroners of the said larcenies. And he escaped from the said prison as far as Belgrave church. And from that church he came to the King's peace and was taken to the prison of Leicester Castle and afterwards by the order of Sir W. Inge¹ was taken to Gloucester prison: but what was done afterwards about the said appellant and the appeal they know not.

Their chattels.

First a supertunic of black serge for 3s. A supertunic of a tanner's wife

¹ One of the Justices Itinerant.

² Nichols, IV. 455.

³ Or vair and minever. See Riley's *Glossary*, II. ii. p. 834.

mulieris tannatoris furrata cum *scurell* pro viiis. Item i supertunica de Blueto mulieris pro iiiis. Item i supertunica hominis de Pouneto¹ pro vs. Item i cloca de *Raye* pro iiiis. Item i tunica partita² pro iiis. vid. Item i *mantell* hominis de *Ray* pro iiiis. Item i sargea rubea pro iiiis. Item i *tabard* vetus de *medlee* pro iis. Item i *cambison* pro vs. Item i capucium mulieris de *Burn* furra pro iiiis. Item ii capucia sine penul' pro xviiid. Item i staminum pro iiiid. Item i camisia pro muliere pro iiiid. Item i par' lineorum pannorum pro filio Rogeri Doun iiiid. Item i *sauuenap'* pro id. Item i manutergium pro iiiid. Item i par caligarum et sotularum pro vid. Item ii par botorum pro xiid. Item iii chapelle pro vid. Item ii *males* pro xiid. Item i lessa pro canibus pro id. Item i *huc'* ad inponendum bacinum ferri pro vid. Item filum et linum pro iiis. Item piper, croco et puluis pro cibo pro iis. Item i coerchiuium lini pro id. Item i pouche et i par mitenarum pro iid. Item i zona de serico cum attilia argenti xld. Item i fermaculum argenti pro vid. Item i crapodina pro xviiid. Item i Bursa frettata de serico pro vid. Item i Bursa frettata de foris pro vid. Item i par forciperum (*sic*) pro ob. Item i cultellus pro vd. Item i rasor pro id. Item i par de pater noster pro id. Item i Cato et i Donatus pro iiiid. Item i Primar' pro

trimmed with squirrel fur for 8s. A woman's blue supertunic for 4s. A man's supertunic of peacock-colour (?) for 5s. A cloak of striped cloth for 4s. A coat made of two pieces³ for 3s. 6d. A man's mantle of striped cloth for 4s. A red serge for 4s. An old sleeveless tunic of mixed stuff for 2s. A gambeson (quilted habit to wear under armour) for 5s. A woman's hood of brown fur for 4s. Two hoods without fur lining for 1s. 6d. A woollen shirt for 4d. A woman's shift for 4d. A pair of linen cloths for Roger Doun's son for 3d. A napkin for 1d. A towel for 3d. A pair of hose and shoes for 6d. Two pairs of boots for 1s. Three hats for 6d. Two travelling bags for 1s. A leash for dogs for 1d. A hook to put an iron basin on for 6d. Flax and thread for 3s. Pepper and saffron and powder for food for 2s. A linen kerchief for 1d. A pouch and a pair of mittens for 2d. A silk waist-band with silver fittings for 3s. 4d. A silver clasp for 6d. A cradle⁴ for 1s. 6d. A purse embroidered in silk for 6d. A purse embroidered outside for 6d. A pair of tongs for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. One knife for 5d. One razor for 1d. A pair⁵ of paternosters for 1d. A Cato and a Donatus⁵ for 3d. A Primer⁶ for 4d.

¹ The word occurs in Thorold Rogers' *Prices*, II., without explanation.

² See Maitland's *Gloucester Pleas*, p. 132.

³ So Wright-Wülcker; but see *Prompt. Parv.* crapodine, a precious stone.

⁴ Pair of Paternoster beads.

⁵ The work of unknown origin styled 'Dionysii Catonis Disticha de moribus ad filium,' the universal delectus of the Middle Ages, and Donatus' Grammar.

⁶ Of grammar.

iiid. Item i magnum *mazer* sine pede cum fundo argenti, intus de auro et de foris de argento pro xiiis. iiid. Item i *mazer* cum pede deaurato pro dim. marc. Item i *mazer* cum *bend'* argenti pro iis. Item i supertunica de Blueto, furrata de *strangling*, pro i marc. Item i *forcer* pro iiid. Item i fermaculum argenti pro xiid. Item i peplum cum tena pro iiid. Item ii li. de cera pro ix*d.* Item i cultellus cum manibrio de luorio vetere iid. Item i crux ecclesiastica de argento et deaurato iiis. iiid. Item i Bursa pro id. Item i equus cum sella pro xxs. (another 6s. 8*d.*, another torn). Item i liber qui dicitur Summa de diuiciis Mazab¹. Item ii ense (*sic*) pro (torn)². Item i mappa pro.... Item i pannum linei scilicet viii vlne pro.... Item vi vlne de Caneuac' pro.... Item in pecunia numerata in *crocard*...et xls. sterling'. Item in Bursa Rogeri Doun.... Item vs. in *pollard* in manibus P[etri Ounfrey et] Thome Gounfrey Balliuorum.

Inquest on the death of a boy drowned while watering a horse on the bank of the Soar, (partly torn). Hue raised.

(2). Placita corone anno XXIX.

Contigit [Dec. 26, 1300] post horam ignitegii in venella que ducit versus ecclesiam S. Martini et versus ecclesiam fratrum minorum quod cum Will. de Lughteburgh venit pro necessari[s]...libus³ faciendis, quidam famulie domine de Pichford nomine Adam custod' palfredi

A big mazer⁴ without a stand, with silver bottom, silver-gilt inside and silver outside, for 13*s.* 4*d.* A mazer with a gilt stand for 6*s.* 8*d.* A mazer with a silver band for 2*s.* A blue supertunic furred with *stranling*⁵ for 13*s.* 4*d.* A chest for 3*d.* A silver clasp for 1*s.* A wimple with coif for 4*d.* Two pounds of wax for 9*d.* A knife with an old ivory handle for 2*d.* An ecclesiastical cross of silver and gilt for 3*s.* 4*d.* A purse for 1*d.* A horse with saddle for £1. A book called "Summa de diuiciis Mazab'⁶." Two swords...one cloth...one linen cloth, that is eight yards...six yards of canvas...in money by tail, in *crokard*⁷...and 40*s.* sterling. In a purse of Roger Doun's...5*s.* in *pollard*⁷ money in the hands of Peter Ounfrey and Tho. Gounfrey, bailiffs.

Pleas of the crown 29th year.

It chanced after the hour of curfew, in the lane which leads to St Martin's church and towards the church of the Friars Minors, that when W. of Loughborough came...one of the household of the Lady of Pitchford⁸ by name Adam, palfrey-keeper of the Lady aforesaid, assaulted him together

¹ End of the word torn.

² Prices torn.

³ Illegible.

⁴ See p. 219.

⁵ Autumn fur of the squirrel. Riley, II. ii. 829.

⁶ Quære.

⁷ See p. 228.

⁸ Co. Salop. Margery, widow of John de Pychford, sold her life interest in the estate 1301 to the Bishop of Lichfield. Eyton, VI. 274.

domine ante[dicte insul]tum fecit ei simul cum Ricardo Fabro de Leycestria et dictus Adam sagittavit dictum Willelmum [cum] sagitta barbata in dorso supra locum zone et statim post factum fugit et dictus Ric. percussit cum vno gladio ex transverso digitorum manus sinistre pendente pollice. Et vixit vsque in crastinum ad horam terciam: habuit iura ecclesie et obiit ex vulnere dicte sagitte. [His wife Hawisia raised the hue. Inquest finds only Adam suspected of the death.] Non habuit catalla nec fuit in decenna quia extraneus: et dictus Ric. Faber captus fuit et ductus ad prisonam Warrewick' [charged (aretatus¹) before the King's Justices].

Contigit [Mar. 8, 1301] in crepusculo noctis...quod cum Joh. de Wlreuehamton cappellanus venit in villa Leycestrie in venella que ducit de alta strata vsque ad *le Mothall* et obuiauit Willelmo Jolyf [W. J. dealt him the wound of which he died; Rob. Prestecheued (Priesthead) raised the hue. The Inquest suspects W. J. who had fled.] Habuit catalla scilicet i cistam pro iiiid. i lectum de ligno factum, et i *shapyngbord* pro iiiid. vnde francus(plegius) de porta occidentali respondebit, et fuit in decenna Willelmi Osebern franci- [plegii] qui obiit.

Another similar crime; the offender was caught and kept in prison² in the custody of the Bailiffs (named above). He escaped and had no chattels nor was in tithing. Price of the stick³ (with which he killed the man) 1*d*. Whereof the frankpledge answers.

Two women quarrelling together, one took a stick to strike her opponent, but accidentally struck a child, who died after two days. She escaped. No chattels. Price of the stick (not named), whereof the frankpledge answers.

with Ric. Smith of Leicester, and the said A. shot the said W. with a barbed arrow in the back above the waist, and immediately after the deed he fled, and the said R. struck with a sword across the fingers of his left hand, so that the thumb hung loose. And he lived till the morrow to the third hour: he had the rites of the church and died from the wound of the said arrow....(Adam) had no chattels and was not in tithing because he was a stranger, and the said R. Smith was caught and taken to Warwick prison.

It chanced at twilight that when John of Wolverhampton, chaplain, came into the town of Leicester in the lane which leads from the High Street to the Moothall and met Will. Joliff (etc.). W. J. had chattels, that is a chest for 4*d*., a bed made of wood and a shaping-board for 4*d*.: whereof the frankpledge of the West gate will answer: and he was in the tithing of W. Osbern frankpledge⁴ who died.

¹ Cf. *Hist. Eng. Law* on the *rettati*, II. 640, note.

² The town prison.

³ As deodand. The thing that caused death was delivered to the township of the territory where the death occurred, which answered for its value to the royal officers. Its value was to be devoted to charity. *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 471.

⁴ Probably the chief-pledge.

Thirtieth year. A man slipped into the Soar near the North Mill, and got out (surrexit) but died at his mother's house. She raised the hue, etc.; death by misadventure.

Contigit [Dec. 28, 1301] quod cum Franc[ilegii] de Burton super Waldas duxerunt Willelmum Paynel latronem versus prisonam domini comitis Leycestrie (opposite All Saints, he escaped and fled to the church. He confessed before the coroners and bailiffs larcenies, felonies, stealing a brass pot at Burton on the Wolds, and that he killed a man on "Le Redehul juxta Neuwerk¹." He abjured the realm. No chattels).

Contigit [Dec. 29, 1301] quod Ric. de Querendon et Alicia (vxor) eius (and three others) noctanter (capti) in Leycestria, saisiti de bonis et catallis² Milicentis de Querndon furatis in Leycestria: et ad sectam predictae Milicentis inprisonati. Et die lune proxima sequente in curia de Portmanmot per recognicionem eorum dampnati (torn). Et etiam per Juramentum inde captum in quum (*sic*) se posuerunt suspensi. Nulla habuerunt catalla preter predictum pelfrum quod statim liberatum fuit predictae Millicenti pro secta.

Mar. 10, 1302. After compline W. Crump of Tewkesbury was found shot through by an arrow at the door of Robert Deth near All Saints' Church. The finder raised the hue, etc. The Inquest says that Giles of Evington stabbed him and fled immediately after the deed. And he afterwards returned to his father Adam of Evington's house in Leicester about May 3, 1303 and was there harboured secretly for one night, the facts being unknown.

Contigit [Ap. 26, 1302, at twilight] quod cum Rob. de Lutterworth venit de domo Matilde de Cosseby et cum venit in alta strata Leycestrie ex opposito domus Willelmi de Craunford obuiauit Willelmum

It chanced that when the frankpledges of Burton on the Wolds took W. Paynel thief to the prison of the lord Earl of Leicester (etc.).

It chanced that R. of Querndon and Alice his wife and three others were taken by night in Leicester seised of the goods and chattels of Millicent of Q. stolen in Leicester: and imprisoned at the suit of the said Millicent. And on Monday next following in the court of Portmanmoot condemned on their confession, and also by the oath³ thereof taken on which they put themselves, they were hanged. They had no chattels but the said pelf, which was immediately delivered to the said Millicent for suit.

It chanced that when R. of Lutterworth came from the house of Matilda of Cosby and when he came into the High Street of Leicester opposite the house of Will. of Cranford, he met W. Pie and the said W. P. asked him

¹ See note above, p. 341.

² A case of Infangthief.

³ I.e. inquest.

Pie et predictus W. Pie rogauit eum vnde venit, et dictus R. dixit quod de domo Matilde de Cosseby et ibi fuit ad aquietandum...¹ sibi impignoratam. Predictus W. Pie dixit quod mentitus fuit et insultauit predictum R. cum uerbis maliciosis et dictus R. timebat ipsum et extraxit cultellum suum, et predictus W. Pie hoc percipiens cepit quendam lapidem et percussit eum in capite vsque ad cerebrum et vixit vsque ad [May 30, 1302]: habuit iura ecclesie et obiit. [Hue raised; offender had fled.] Non habuit catallum nec fuit in decenna quia vacabundus.

v^o. [Thirty-first year.] Contigit [Feb. 25, 1303] circa horam ignitegii quod cum Hen. Kokebenne iuit in venella que se extendit ab alta strata versus ecclesiam S. Petri et versus *Torchemer*, et cum venit ex opposito porte Roberti de Wylughby percepit duos homines astantes sub porta predicta et petiit ab eis, qui essent, et tacuerunt, et nomina eorum noluerunt fateri, sed in assultu premeditato ipsum Henricum cum vno cultelloulnerauerunt in latere sinistro vsque ad cor vnde statim obiit (etc.). (They fled.)

June 13, W. Cappe of Loughborough fled to All Saints', and June 16 before Coroners and Bailiff confessed that he killed J. Fox on the wolds near Melton. He abjured the realm. No chattels.

Thirty-second year. On Nov. 5, 1303 at dawn a man killed with a knife found dead in the street (vicus) leading towards Blankwell at the end of the lane leading to St Michael's. The offender fled to St Peter's. He abjured the realm.

Habuit catalla, scilicet i carcasium de carne bovina pro iiii. ix*d*.,

whence he came, and the said R. said he came from the house of M. of Cosby and that he was there to release (illegible) pawned to her. The said W. P. said that he lied and assaulted the said R. with malicious words and the said R. feared him and drew his knife, and the said W. P. perceiving this took a certain stone and struck him on the head even to the brain and he lived till —, had the rites of the church and died. He had no chattel and was not in tithing because he was a wanderer.

It chanced about the hour of curfew that when H. K. went into the lane which leads from the High Street towards St Peter's church and towards Torchmere², and when he came opposite Rob. of Willoughby's gate he perceived two men standing under the said gate and he asked them who they were, and they were silent and would not tell their names, but with premeditated assault wounded the said H. with a knife in his left side even to the heart, whereof he immediately died.

He had chattels, to wit a carcase of beef-flesh for 3*s*. 9*d*., three woolfells

¹ *tum*' ends the line, the first letters of the next line are torn away, and the word ends in *am*.

² The Queen's highway of old called Torchmere, in St Michael's Parish. Nichols, II. ii. App. 327.

iii pelles lanutas pro xvd. Item i plumbum extra fornacem pro xiiid., i bacinum pro vid. et boscum et carbonem marinum pro xiiiid., cepum pro viid., i hachium pro iid., i cultellum ad scindendum pro id. ob., i tripod' pro id., i alueum ad salsandum carnes pro iiid., i murelegum pro id., i *misericorde* pro iid., vnde Hugo le Mercer et Rogerus de Glen Balliui Leycestrie respondebunt.

Contigit¹ [Oct. 18, 1305] quod cum Tho. filius Ricardi de Roteby, garcio Roberti de Broghton custodis Prisone domini Thome comitis Lancastrie, castri Leycestrie deberet visitare quosdam prisonas in dicta prisona domini sui existentes, leuauit hostium ferri dicte prisone vt secure videret prisonas, per infortunium cespitauit ad claustrum ferri ita quod cecidit vsque ad profundum dicte prisone et collum suum fregit. (Matilda Pays found him dead etc.)

June 30, 1304 about mid-day in the Field (campus) outside Leicester between the Abbey and Belgrave, a man wounded in jousting² with Tho. Basset of Welham, died in Leicester. Hue raised. Inquest found Thomas suspect but what became of him is not known.

Sep. 20, 1304. A man killed with a certain stick made in the shape of a fist, with a sharp iron on the head (ad modum pugni, tenente vnum ferreum acutum in capite). For the stick 1d. Whereof the frankpledge will answer. The offender was not in tithing because he was a stranger.

Thirty-third year. A burglary Dec. 12, 1304; a man found stabbed to death Jan. 10, 1305; unknown thieves suspected whose names were unknown, and what became of them. A child aged three going playing fell into a tub of hot grout (calid' Gruth). Price of the tub 3d., of the grout 5d.³ for which the frankpledge will answer.

(3). Thirty-fourth year. Jan. 9, 1306. It chanced that John of Hathern with John of Crowley parson of Heyford, Oxfordshire, Will. Bruning, Rob. Christopher

for 1s. 3d., a boiler⁴ for 1s., one basin for 6d., and wood and sea-coal for 1s. 2d., tallow for 7d., an axe for 2d., a knife for cutting for 1½d., a trivet for 1d., a trough for salting meat for 3d., a cat for 1d., a *misericorde*⁵ (dagger) for 2d., whereof Hugh the Mercer and Roger of Glen bailiffs of Leicester will answer.

It chanced that when Tho. son of Ric. of Ratby groom of Rob. of Broughton keeper of the prison of lord Thomas Earl of Lancaster, of the castle of Leicester, had to visit certain prisoners dwelling in the said prison of his lord, and raised the iron door of the said prison that he might see the prisoners safely, he accidentally tripped against the iron door, so that he fell to the bottom of the said prison and broke his neck.

¹ Put under the 32nd year, but it is the 33rd if, as is stated, this case happened on Monday, St Luke's day.

² See the orders against jousting at Leicester in the *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1311 March and passim.

³ Deodands.

⁴ See p. 219.

⁵ Said to be so called because it put a man out of his misery by a *coup de grâce*.

of Thurmaston and John parson of Crowley, thieves who were lodged at the house of Will. of Ruddington in Leicester, were seized of divers stolen goods; the bailiffs came to attach them; they would not return to peace, but assaulted and wounded the said bailiffs and killed Bate Geryn's groom. (They escaped.)

The said goods were found in the said house as aforesaid.

Pelfra eorundem. Videlicet *iiii^{or}* equi cum sellis et frenis pro *iiii^{li}*, *iiii^{or}* *Tabard* pro *xis.*, *ii* supertunicæ pro *ixs.* Item *iii* par' de *Botes* pro *xii^d*. Item *v* par' caligarum pro *iiis. iii^d*. Item *i* capucium pro *i^d*. Item *i* vetus *Baunker¹* pro *vi^d*. in quo extiterant *xii* sagitte cum *i* trillabo² pro *ii^d*. q^a. Item *i* cultellus pro *i^d*. Item *i* Bursa de Serico pro *xviii^d*. Item alia Bursa pro *vi^d*. Item *i* cyphus de *Peutre* pro *i^d*. Item *iii* *males* pro *xid.* Item *ii* *Lyntiamina* pro *vd.* Item *ii* *sauuenap'* pro *i^d*. ob. Item *i* mappa vetus pro *vd.* Item *ii* capelle pro *iiii^d*. ob. Item *i* cornu pro *vi^d*; de quibus Hugo le Mercer et Rog. de Glen tunc Balliui respondebunt.

[Anno x]xxv. Contigit [Dec. 24, 1306] circa mediam noctem quod Simon le Waleys clericus venit ad ecclesiam S. Petri Leycestrie ad pulsandum campanas ad matutinas ut moris est; inuenit ibi Willelmum vicarium ecclesie predicte stantem in eadem ecclesia qui alloquebatur ipsum vbi tantam moram fecisset? et percussit ipsum cum vno cultello, qui dicitur *Misericorde*, in capite vsque ad cerebrum et vixit per duos (dies). [The hue was raised, the townships came, that is the four gates, together with the frankpledge of that township³. They ordered the Coroners (as above) and bailiffs. The inquest says] neminem habet suspectum de dicta morte nisi predictum Willelmum

Their pelf, to wit four horses with saddles and bridles for £4, 4 sleeveless tunics for 11s., 2 supertunics for 9s., 3 pairs of boots for 1s., 5 pairs of hose for 3s. 4d., 1 hood for 2d., 1 old box for 7d. in which there were 12 arrows with one steel-bow for 3½d., one knife for 1d., one purse of silk for 1s. 6d., another purse for 6d., a pewter cup for 1d., 3 travelling bags for 11d., two sheets for 5d., 2 napkins for 2½d., 1 old table-cloth for 5d., 2 hats for 4½d., one horn for 6d.; whereof Hugh the Mercer and Roger of Glen then bailiffs will answer.

Thirty-fifth year. It chanced about midnight that Simon the Welshman, clerk, came to St Peter's church of Leicester to ring the bells for matins as the custom is; there he met W. vicar of the said church, standing in that church, who asked him where he had been tarrying so long? and struck him, with a knife which is called *misericorde*, on the head even to the brain, and he lived for two days (etc.). The inquest suspects no one of the said death but

¹ Usually meaning a covering for a chair or the chair itself.

² ? a tyllerboe, steel or cross-bow.

³ In which it happened.

Vicarium qui se tenuit in dicta ecclesia per septem septimanas et postmodum venit ad pacem et detentus est in prisa in custodia Hugonis le Mercer. Habuit catalla: ii tapeta pro vs. Item i *houce* de panno stragulato pro vs. in manibus Godefridi de Louenna, Willelmi de Broghton, et Willelmi le turnour franciplegiorum. Item ii lyntheamina minuta pro xxiid. Item ii lyntheamina pro iis. vid. in manibus Willelmi de Rodington. Item i album *wardecors* pro iiis. in manibus dictorum franciplegiorum. Item i *Pauilion* de persico pro xs. Item i superpellicium et i *rochet* de Aylesham pro x(s.), in manibus Benedicti vicarii ecclesie beate Marie de Castro Leycestrie. Item i lauatorium et i peluim pro vs. in manibus Henrici Dowel et ii quissones pro iiid. ob., i cofram et i mensam pro iis. vid., i cathedram et i *couse* pro iiid. ob. Et i par cymbal' pro xiiid. Item ii parue seges pro iiid. in custodia Roberti le Chaloner de Halughton tunc temporis hospicii dicti Willelmi vicarii. Dicunt etiam per sacramentum suum quod Joh. Faber et vxor sua, manentes iuxta portam Borialem, vendiderunt catalla dicti Willelmi Vicarii post dictam feloniam factam ad valenciam iiis. et vid. Summa lis. iiid.¹

the said W. vicar, who kept himself in the said church for seven weeks², and afterwards came to the peace and was kept in prison in the custody of Hugh the Mercer. He had chattels: 2 tapets³ for 5s., one housing⁴ of striped cloth for 5s., in the hands of Godfrey of Louvain, W. of Broughton and W. the Turner frankpledges. Two small sheets for 1s. 10d., 2 sheets for 2s. 6d. in the hands of W. of Ruddington. One white tunicle⁵ for 3s. in the hands of the said frankpledges. One tent of Persian for 10s. One surplice and 1 rochet of Aylsham⁶ for 10s., in the hands of Benedict vicar of the church of St Mary de Castro of Leicester. One laver and one basin for 5s. in the hands of Hen. Dowel and two cushions for 3½d., one coffer and one table for 2s. 6d., one chair and one couch (?) for 4½d., and one pair of cymbals for 1s. 1d. Two small seats for 3d. in the keeping of Rob. the coverlet-maker of Hallaton, at that time of the household of the said W. vicar. They say also on their oath that John Smith and his wife, dwelling near the North gate, sold the chattels of the said Will. vicar after the said felony was done to the value of 4s. 6d. Total £2. 11s. 4d.

¹ On the cost of copying this roll see p. 247.

² This was excessive. The civil power contended that 40 days was the limit, and that after that the offender should be starved into submission. *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 588.

³ Hanging cloths, tapestry.

⁴ Cf. Skeat s. v. housing, horse-trapping, and for other uses, see Stevenson's *Nottingham*, II. 462.

⁵ The ecclesiastical vestment. See *Prompt. Parv.* 516, tunica, tunicella.

⁶ Aylsham linen.

Ap. 16, 1306, Adam of Middleton of Yorkshire was taken by Roger of Glen, bailiff, at the suit of John Patrick of Liddington, who found pledges to prosecute, for divers larcenies, to wit of five sheep, 1 cart bound with iron, and one bullock, stolen at Holt, but nothing was found with him. He was imprisoned immediately and died next night suddenly. Ralph of Norfolk keeper of the prison found him dead (etc.).

Richard of Ruddington killed outside the South gate while driving a cart loaded with wood to Cadeby, through the axle's breaking. The four townships (i.e. the four gates) came together with the frankpledge of that township¹.

A man drowned crossing the Soar to the mill of the castle of Leicester.

John of Crowley parson of Heyford (see above) caught in Leicester seized of divers stolen goods and kept in prison in the custody of Hugh the Mercer, bailiff. He escaped to the church of the Augustinian Friars outside the bounds (limites) of the town.

Et predictum pelfrum fuit hoc, videlicet i equus cum sella et freno pro xvs., i *tabard* pro xld., i capella pro iid. ob., i par de *Botes* pro iiiid., i mappa, i manutergium, pro ixld., i *male* pro iiiid., i *lesa* pro canibus pro id.

v°. Feb. 19, 1307. Agnes Toprond of Gascony (de Vasconia) killed in the lane near St Michael's by Ric. de le Pountfreyt and his wife Isabella. The hue raised. The four townships, that is the four gates, came together with the frankpledge of the said township. Richard and his wife put themselves in St Michael's church, and Feb. 20 they confessed before the Coroners and Bailiffs. They abjured the realm, Dover was the port given to Richard, Portsmouth to Isabella.

May 6, 1307. John Bekke was assaulted outside the North gate opposite Robert of Swepston's house. Two offenders attached by the frankpledge and kept in the custody of the bailiffs, Hugh the Mercer and Roger of Glen. As John was expected to live they were released on surety (dimissi ad plevinam). On his death the hue was raised (etc.). No chattels.

Pleas of the crown 1 Ed. II.

A child scalded (scaturizatus) by hot water. Price of the pot 1s., for which the frankpledge will answer.

A man killed while watching by the fire. Hue raised. Townships came together with the frankpledge. The offender fled to St Nicholas' church. Confessed and abjured the realm. No chattels.

Anno secundo. Contigit [Sep. 14, 1308] circa horam vesperam

And the aforesaid pelf was this, to wit, one horse with saddle and bridle for 15s., one sleeveless coat for 3s. 4d., one hat for 2½d., one pair of boots for 4d., one table-cloth, one towel, for 9d., one travelling bag for 4d., one leash for dogs for 1d.

2 Ed. II. It chanced about the hour of vespers that as R. Savage and

¹ *Vna cum francipl' ejusdem vill'*, but below in full *villate*. The frankpledge of the township or quarter in which the crime was committed or in which the victim died is specially named in a few of the following cases.

quod cum [Rogerus] Sauvage (and 7 others) venerunt in alta strata vi et armis tanquam communes malefactores et pacis perturbatores et noc[u]erunt omnibus per eos transiuntibus et eos verberauerunt et wlnerauerunt per quod hutesium leuatum [est]. Ita quod venit Joh. de Lubbesthorpe simul cum aliis qui eos ad pacem attachiare voluerunt: ipsi contempnentes pacem et non permittentes se iustificare (*sic*) semper fugerunt tamen quousque...(torn) in quadam venella que se extendit versus ecclesiam S. Margarete Leycestrie et ibi predictus Rog. (Sauvage) percussit predictum Johannem de Lubbesthorp (etc.). Rogerus (and all with him) indicti de vi et auxilio ad predictam feloniam faciendam (kept in the bailiffs' custody and escaped. No chattels).

(4). 1^o. A Bedfordshire thief put himself in All Saints' church for fear of capture. He confessed before the coroners to stealing a horse in Bedfordshire, and abjured the realm.

June 25, 1309, five brothers imprisoned in Leicester castle for a certain trespass by the order of the Earl. Three men entered the gate of the castle and broke the door of the prison, entered and killed one of the brothers. The others raised the hue¹. The offenders fled and had no chattels in Leicester. One was afterwards caught and kept in prison in Roger of Glen's custody. He escaped to the church of St Mary de Castro with a sword drawn in his hand. He confessed before the coroners that he was a homicide in that he was consenting and aiding in the killing. He abjured the realm. He had chattels, i.e. one sword for 2s. and 1 gown of striped cloth (rewe) for 2s. 6d.

A woman was going to the Saturday market; opposite John Alsby's house the axle of a cart, going loaded with salt to the market, broke and the wheel fell on her and killed her.

Price of the cart 3s. 4d., of the salt 20s., of the two horses 10s., whereof Roger of Glen will answer.

Euasio. Hen. Wrenne captus apud Nousele pro burgaria molendini

others came into the High Street with force and arms as common malefactors and disturbers of the peace and annoyed all those passing by and flogged and wounded them, wherefore the hue was raised. So that John of Lubbesthorpe came together with others who wished to attach them to the peace: but these persons contemning the peace and not allowing themselves to be brought to justice always fled away...in a certain lane which stretches towards the church of St Margaret of Leicester and there the said R. Savage struck this John of Lubbesthorpe...Roger (etc.) were indicted of being accessory² in the said felony.

Escape. H. Wren taken at Noseley for the burglary of the mill of that place,

¹ The form is again as at first "the four townships, that is the four gates," without mention of the frankpledge.

² See Maitland's *Gloucester Pleas*, p. 140.

de eadem, Walt. de Pykeryng captus pro falsa¹ (?) bulla, Rob. de Bannebury et Tho. de Bannebyry capti pro burgaria vnus *shoppe* apud Bannebyry, Alan le Dyssher de comitatu Suthamton captus pro furto vnus iuuenci, et in prisona castri Leycestrie detenti (Oct. 31 at dawn) fregerunt prisonam et extra custodiam Rogeri le Porter euaserunt.

(One fled to St Mary's, and confessed the theft of the bullock and many larcenies. Abjured the realm. Chattels 2s. 7d., supertunic 1s. 6d.)

P. of Wigginton (Wykynton) taken for the death of Tho. Grenekyrtel in the vill of Desford and by the frankpledge of that place taken to the prison of the castle of Leicester. When Hen. Hereward visited other prisoners there, P. escaped by the door of the prison and reached the church of St Mary de Castro. Henry pursued and caught him within the door of the church and brought him back to gaol and he died there before the [Gaol] Delivery.

W. of Stewkley² of Bucks and R. of Lilford of Northants taken in Eaton (Eton') wood, robbing men passing that way, and taken to the prison of Leicester castle, escaped from H. Hereward's custody to St Mary's church (etc.).

Feb. 3, 1310. Will. the Fletcher of Peckleton taken for burgling the house of Susan Gare of Leicester, put in the custody of Roger of Glen, bailiff, escaped to St Margaret's. (Abjured.)

Mar. 24, 1311. Tho. of the Brewery of Leicester drowned in a place called Horspol (Horsepool) near the marsh of the mill of Leicester castle³.

A man indicted before the Sheriff of burgling a house in Wanlip came to St Margaret's church and escaped. No goods in Leicester.

Math. de Enderdeby latro captus et ductus ad prisonam domini Regis Leycestrie (June 11, 1313), qui coram domino Johanne de Diggeby et domino Johanne Daungeruill, Justiciariis ad Gaolam deliberandam, posuit se de bono et malo et conuictus fuit de latrocinio. Ideo suspend[ebatur]. Idem Math. ad furcas deductus per franciplegios de Burstall et Belegraue, suspensus et portatus fuit in cimiterio capelli hospitalis S. Johannis Leycestrie ad sepeliendum, et reuixit. Et die

W. of Pickering taken for a forged bull⁴, R. and T. of Banbury taken for the burglary of a shop at Banbury, Alan the Disher of Southampton county taken for the theft of a bullock, and kept in the prison of the castle of Leicester...broke the prison and escaped from the custody of Roger the Porter.

M. of Enderby, thief, caught and taken to the prison of the lord King at Leicester, who, before Sir John of Digby and Sir John Dangerville Justices for Gaol Delivery, put himself for good and ill [upon the country] and was convicted of larceny. Therefore he was hanged. The said M. was taken to the gallows by the frankpledges of Birstall and Belgrave, hanged and carried to the churchyard of the chapel of the hospital of St John of Leicester

¹ MS. flā.

² Stivekle.

³ Horsepool was near Millstone Lane.

⁴ ? exhibiting a forged papal bull.

Jouis proxima sequente coram Willelmo de Lyndrich Coronatore
Leycestrie abiuravit regnum (etc.).

(No chattels.)

vº. Adhuc de anno sexto.

Will. le Ferour (the Smith) of Castle Donington taken for the death of his wife there and brought by the frankpledge of that town to Leicester escaped on the way, to St Mary's church. Before the coroners he confessed and abjured the realm.

Contigit (July 19, 1312) in aurora diei quod cum Joh. filius Samsonis de Hoghton qui per vigiliam illa nocte multum vexatus fuit, et se cubuit iuxta ignem factam (*sic*) in *le Kyrkelane* que vocatur *Bonfir* ad dormiendum, venit quidam ignotus et calcitrauit contra pedem dicti Johannis. Idem Joh. Sumiland surrexit cum gladio suo vaginato, voluit ipsum percussisse et per infortunium dicta vagina euolauit et percussit Johannem filium Johannis de Assheby iuxta ignem sedentem in capite.

(He died. Inquest finds that John did it, but "non maliciose nec animo maliuolo" (not maliciously or with wicked intent), and immediately after he was taken to the prison of the town of Leicester in the keeping of Roger of Glen, bailiff.)

A man killed by falling from a haystack (tassum feni). Hue raised. Price of the stack 11s. whereof Ric. Cagge will answer.

Henry of Winchcombe lodged in the East suburb at the house of Ric. the Tinker (le Tyneker): about midnight he went out to make water; an unknown man came and shot him to the heart, and fled forthwith. He had no chattels and was not in tithing because unknown.

Ivo the clerk of Great Stretton and Hen. Pollyng groom of Alice of Stretton of Leicester quarrelled in Parchemin lane¹. Henry struck Ivo so that he fell. Phil. the Young (le Jonge) of Kibworth came to pacify the quarrel and took Henry to Alice's house. Then John son of Alan the Mustardmaker came from Alice's house with a bow and shot Philip with a small arrow. John fled; no chattels.

7 Ed. II. (Dec. 8, 1313). At nightfall an old quarrel broke out between Ellen the Marshal of Leicester and Amicia John (Johan). Ellen procured her son and

for burial, and came to life again. And on Thursday next following before W. of Lindrick, coroner of Leicester, he abjured the realm.

Thus far of the sixth year.

It chanced at dawn of day that as John son of Samson of Houghton, who was much troubled by the watch on that night, and lay down to sleep near the fire made in the Kirk lane which is called the Bonfire, there came an unknown man who stumbled against the said John's foot. The said John Sumiland jumped up with his sword sheathed, and meant to have struck him, and by accident the said sheath flew off and struck John son of John of Ashby on the head, as he was sitting near the fire.

¹ New Bond Street.

her servant to beat Amicia, and they did so, near the North gate, so that she died. The servant was caught and kept in the prison of the town of Leicester in the custody of Walter of Bushby, bailiff¹.

In Whitsun week the men of Wigston and...came to Leicester with their procession and in the lane which leads to St Margaret's a quarrel broke out between the said townships. Blows struck with swords and ash-sticks made like fists (*ad modum pugni facto*). Offenders fled. Chattels unknown.

Quarrel on Sunday before the feast of SS. Tiburtius and Valerian (Ap. 14) between Hugh son of Hugh of Skeffington of Leicester and Robert of Ashbourne about a certain plea between them in the King's court. Hugh assaulted Robert within his door and was about to strike him when Robert gave him a blow on the crown (*greva*) of his head, and he died the next day and had the rites of the church. Robert fled to St Martin's church for six days and nights. He abjured. He had chattels.

Vna magna cista pro *iiis.*, due parue ciste pro *xii*d.**, *iii* parue forme, i olla enea pro *iis.*, i Brake² pro *vi*d.**, i patella pro *vi*d.**, i tunica pro *xii*d.**,...(lin)theamina pro *xii*d.** Item viginti corea multonum pro *xx*d.**, *iii* decenna cyrotec(arum) (whereof Walt. of Bushby, bailiff, answers).

ii. Another roll, imperfect at the beginning (11 Ed. II.). Laur. le Seller and Peter of Kent, coroners. Tho. le Chapman killed by several men while crossing the bridge to his house in Brunkynesthorp. He died in Leicester. The criminals escaped. They had no chattels and were not in tithing because outside (the liberty³).

Elias of Staunton, approver, broke the King's gaol at Leicester 11 Ed. II. Fled to All Saints' church. Confessed and abjured the realm. Another was with him who stole a horse in Normanton Field. He abjured also. No chattels in Leicester.

Twelfth year. A man killed in a street row (torn). The chattels, 1 tapet (hanging-cloth), 1 sheet for 6*d.* because it was weak, for which the township of Leicester will answer. In tithing at Burton on Trent.

A man killed. The offender was taken to the town prison and died there. He had chattels to the value of 2*s.*, for which Walter of Bushby will answer.

A man escaped from the king's prison to St Peter's church. He confessed he had harboured his son indicted of a man's death. He abjured. His chattels were, in money 19*s.*, 1 cart 5*s.*, 2 quarters of wheat in sheaf (in garb¹) estimated at 8*s.*, wooden vessels (*vasa*) and other small things 2*s.*, whereof Walt. of Bushby will answer.

A man working on the top of St Mary's church tower, raising timber, fell as he passed from one ladder to another and was crushed to death (*dequassauit*). Price of the ladder 4*d.*, whereof the township will answer.

A large chest for 3*s.*, two small chests for 1*s.*, 3 small forms, a brass pot for 2*s.*, 1 brake² for 6*d.*, 1 platter for 6*d.*, 1 tunic for 1*s.*, sheets for 1*s.*, 20 sheepskins for 1*s.* 8*d.*, 3 "decenaries" of gloves.

¹ Walter of Bushby was Mayor at that time, see p. 280.

² Instrument for dressing hemp. *Cath. Ang.*

³ The word is torn away.

A burglar took sanctuary in All Saints. He confessed to burgling £5 worth of cloth from Will. Wareyn.

Three horse-stealers of Derbyshire, Staffs. and Leicestershire escaped from the prison of Leicester castle to St Martin's. One got away. The others had no chattels.

Anno xiiii. Joh. filius Thome de Rothewell iuxta le Pountfrait, captus cum manuopere in villa Leycestrie, ad sectam Johannis Dun, cum vno *clók'* de Cogeshal et vno capucio rubeo furato in domo Henrici Dowel de Leycestria et ductus ad curiam de Portmanmoot tentam [Aug. 18, 1320] et ibi aramatus¹ ad sectam dicti Johannis de predicto latrocinio, qui dicit quod habuit predictum clocum et capucium de inuitacione² ancille dicti Henrici et quod non furat'. Et super hoc ponit se super Inquisicionem qui (*sic*) dicit super sacramentum suum quod culpabilis est de illo latrocinio: ideo suspensus: et predicti *clók'* et capucium liberati fuerunt predicto Johanni pro secta. Catalla nulla.

As Will. Mayhew was going to St Margaret's church he was wounded in Belgravegate by a man with an axe (hachium) called "poll-ax" and was badly wounded. In self-defence he struck back and killed his opponent. The hue was raised, Mayhew fled. He had no chattels.

Rob. the Thatcher (le Thacker) attached at the suit of Cecilia of "Ebristoke" with two sheep stolen from her keeping at Leicester, price 4s. In the court of Portmanmoot asked how he would acquit himself he said that he was not guilty, and therefore put himself upon a jury³ (?) and good Inquest. Found guilty and hanged. The sheep delivered to Cecilia for suit.

(Chattels of Will. of Naneby, baker of Leicester, who killed his wife.)

Dim. quart. *mixtilion* et i bushel' fabarum pro iiis., i alueum ad pastum et i archa ad bultand' pro xiid., i bultellus pro id. Item

14 Ed. II. John son of Thomas of Rothwell near Pontefract, caught hand-having in the town of Leicester, at the suit of John Dun, with a Coggeshall cloak, and a red fur-lined hood, in the house of Hen. Dowel of Leicester and taken to the Court of Portmanmoot, held Aug. 18, 1320, and there arraigned⁴ at the suit of the said John of the said larceny, who says that he had the said cloak and hood at the request of the said Henry's maid and that they were not stolen. And on this he put himself upon the Inquest which says on its oath that he is guilty of that larceny: therefore he was hanged: and the said cloak and hood were delivered to the said John for suit. No chattels.

Half quarter of meslin⁵ and a bushel of beans for 3s., a kneading-trough, a boulting-ark for 1s., a boulder for 1d., a pig for 2s., a boar and four porkers

¹ The word is written *aram'*. On *arramare* for *arrainiare*, see Stevenson's *Nottingham* II. 452.

³ MS. *den'*, ? for *duodenam*.

⁴ See Stevenson's *Gloucester Records*, p. 13.

² *mitacione* in MS.

⁵ Wheat and rye.

i porcus pro iis. Item i sus et iiii porcelli pro iis. iid. Item i plumbum pro xiiid. Item i quart. de carne bouina de morina morte pro xiiid. Et dim. petra de cepo pro vid. Item busca focalis pro iiis. vid. (W. of Bushby, bailiff, answers.)

Rotulus corone tempore Petri de Kent et Galfridi de Staunton anno xv.

Ric. the White of Derby and Ralph of Northampton taken hand-having (cum manuopere) at Leicester at the suit of Nic. the Falconer of Thurcaston, with four silver spoons. Taken to the Portmanmoot and there arraigned¹. They put themselves on the court. The inquest found them guilty. Therefore hanged (suspens²). The spoons to Nicholas for suit.

A burglar in sanctuary at St Martin's confessed that he stole 2s. worth of grain (bladum) from Hen. of Barkby. Abjured.

Sixteenth year. Rob. of London, mercer of Leicester, coming from Loughborough market was killed at twilight (inter canem et lupum) in Wanlip Field in the place called Le Langedale by unknown evil-doers. He died in Leicester. The Inquest names four suspected persons who fled. No chattels in Leicester.

A man taken at the suit of Matilda of "Thornhedge" with two heifers (bovecte) and a cow stolen at Alspath in Warwickshire and taken to the prison of Leicester Castle, died there before conviction. No chattels but the cow, appraised at 5s. Walter of Bushby the Bailiff will answer.

Two horse-thieves died a natural death in the same prison; the cause in the one case was frenzy (frenesia).

The abbot of Leicester's house in Thorpe Parva (Thorpe juxta Northborough) burgled, and 1 peajacket (courteby) and 1 blanket (chalon) taken. The thieves fled to St Sepulchre's²; abjured.

Contigit³ [May 2, 1323] quod cum Tho. de Pirleye et Joh. Dodeman garcio eius venerunt de taberna in villa Leycestrie et cum venerunt in Belegrauegate ex opposito domus Ricardi Power attinxerunt Radulfum Cokumbred: predictus Joh. statim quesivit quare ipsos tam malo oculo respexerit et si nichil mali vellet versus ipsos quod statim veniret: predictus Rad. dixit quod nullum malum versus ipsos

for 2s. 2d., a boiler for 1s., a quarter of beef-meat, dead of the murrain, for 1s., $\frac{1}{2}$ stone of tallow for 6d., fire-wood for 3s. 6d.

Roll of the crown in the time of Peter of Kent and Geoff. of Staunton, 15 Ed. II.

It chanced that as Tho. of Pirley⁴ and John Dodeman his groom came from the tavern in the town of Leicester and as they came into Belgravegate opposite the house of Ric. Power, they met Ralph Cokinbred: the said John thereupon asked why he looked at them with such an evil eye, and if he wished no ill to them that he should come on at once: the said Ralph said that he wished no ill to them and asked that he might go to his house in

¹ *Arram*' again.

² Outside the South Gate.

³ This case should have been placed *after* the next three cases.

⁴ See p. 290.

vellet et petiit quod in pace ad domum suam ire posset, in presencia vicinorum suorum: ipse propter hoc non dimisit, qui statim cum quodam cultello extracto insultauit predictum Radulfum: supervenit Nic. Patrik videns predictum Radulfum esse in periculum mortis et extraxit gladium suum et voluit iuuasse eum de morte sua (e)uitanda: venit predictus Tho. de Pirleye retro predictum Nicholaum non perpendentem ipsum male, et felonice percussit predictum Nicholaum cum quodam cultello sub humero sinistro vsque ad cor: vnde statim obiit: et predicti Tho. et Joh. fugerunt in domo Felicie Skoyffh et ibi capti fuerunt et ducti ad prisonam ville Leycestrie. [Hue raised. Inquest finds that Thomas killed Nicholas as aforesaid and that John is the moving cause of his death as being accessory (causa movens sui mortis, de forcia et auxilio).]

Catalla predicti Thome: habuit in Rectoria ecclesie S. Margarete Leycestrie. In aula i mensam cum trescellis. Et aliam mensam cum trescellis; i lauatorium cum ii peluibus; ii *aundirnes* et i caminum ferreum; ii cathedras¹. Item in granario ii quart. et dim. *dragett'* pro quart. iiis. *iiid.*; dim. bushel' *mixtilion'* pro viid. In coquina i ollam eneam, i vrciol', ii patellas de quibus i paruam; i patellam ferream, i craticulam, i mortar', i micatorium, et i plumbum in fornace, i plumbum extra fornace², i magnam cuuam, i tynam, i aliam cuuam in Celario. In stabulo quatuor equi de quibus duo Carectarii. In

peace, in the presence of his neighbours: he (John) did not stop for this, and immediately assaulted the said Ralph with a knife drawn: Nic. Patrick, seeing the said Ralph to be in peril of his life, came up and drew his sword and meant to help him to escape death: the said T. of P. came behind the said Nic. who meant him no harm, and feloniously struck the said Nic. with a knife under the left shoulder even to the heart: of which he immediately died: and the said Tho. and John fled to the house of Felicia Skoyf and were there caught and taken to the prison of the town of Leicester. (And as above.)

Chattels of the said Thomas. He had in the rectory of the church of St Margaret of Leicester, in the hall, a table with tressels, and another table with tressels, a laver with two basins, 2 andirons and one iron-stove³, 2 chairs; in the granary 2½ quarters of draget, for 3s. 4d. a quarter, ½ bushel of meslin for 7d.; in the kitchen a brass pot, a pitcher, 2 pans, of which one was small, one iron pan, a gridiron, a mortar, a crumb-grater, a boiler fixed in the fireplace, a moveable boiler, a big tub, a vat, another tub in the cellar. In the stable 4 horses of which 2 were cart-horses; in the byre four

¹ MS. *cathedre*.

² See note p. 219.

³ Moveable stove, see *Finchale Accounts*, and Stevenson's *Nottingham* II. Glossary.

boueria iiii boues, qui sunt in manibus Walteri de Busseby. Item LV agni in manibus dicti Walteri vnde respondebit.

A man drowned at the West Bridge. In the seventeenth year. A quarrel between Will. of Peckleton, groom of the Abbot of Leicester, and H. Fouke of Brunkyngesthorp and Ralph Brook of the same in the Field of the same. H. struck W. with a "misericorde," and W. reached W. of Foxton's house, where he lay languishing till..... The hue was raised even to (usque ad) the gates of Leicester, the townships came, etc. Inquest says he died a natural death.

A stranger lodging at the house of Rob. Kytewild of Anstey of Leicester outside the North gate, was killed while sleeping, by Robert. Robert buried him under his bed. The finder of the body raised the hue, the townships came, etc. Robert fled; his chattels worth 6*d.*; the frankpledge will answer for them.

A quarrel after sundown in Belgravegate. W. struck W. of Holdernesse with a lance. He lived till the morrow. The hue raised even to the four gates, the townships came, etc. W. took sanctuary at St Margaret's. Abjured. Lance for 1*s.*, whereof the bailiff will answer.

v°. A man taken at Stretton in the Street, co. Warwick, at the suit of, with a bullock stolen at "Le Bigginge"; taken to the prison of the castle of Leicester, died before conviction.

Henry Cooper taken on suspicion of larceny and imprisoned in the prison of the town of Leicester, confessed that he stole a horse in Beaumondheye. He appealed Ric. le Thressher of aid in the felony and Ralph le Staleworthman dwelling in the street of the Abbey of Leicester that he helped him in a burglary and took 3*s.* for his share of the clothes and brass stolen; he appealed also Geoff. le Pultere¹ and Little John (Littele Johannes) his groom, Rob. Sabyn le Siveker and others for their share in other burglaries.

Et predictus appellator liberatus fuit ad Gaolam domini Regis Leycestrie.

Petronilla seruiens Thome Martyn sedebat iuxta plumbum in fornace in bracina dicti Thome, aqua bull[i]ente ita quod rigore ignis altera pars plumbi combusta erat ita quod predicta aqua cecidit in igne, scaturizauit dictam P. circumquaque corpus suum. (Hue raised.)

Nineteenth year. A servant fell into a well as she was about to draw up the bucket. Hue raised. For the bucket and cord 4*d.*, whereof the bailiff will answer.

A quarrel in Sim. Kelyng's house in Leicester. A man killed, the slayer fled. Not in tithing because a stranger.

oxen, which are in the hands of Walter of Bushby; 55 lambs in the hands of the said Walter, whereof he will answer.

And the said appellant was delivered to the King's gaol of Leicester.

Petronilla, Tho. Martin's servant, was sitting near the boiler in the said Thomas's brewery, the water boiling so fast that with the heat of the fire one part of the boiler burst so that the said water fell into the fire, and scalded the said P. all over her body.

¹ Poulterer.

Quarrel in the high street. The disputers went quarrelling to the lane which leads to the castle. Opposite the house of Will. le Palmer, clerk, Will. of Appleby of Leicester struck Henry of Thurmaston, baker of Leicester, with his fist so that he fell against W. le Palmer's wall (*parietem*). He was about to kill H., when H. defending himself wounded W.; W. reached his house and died. H. fled. He had chattels:

i quart. bras' dragett' pro iis. Aluiolus pro xiid. ii ciste pro xiid. vnum paruum plumbum pro vid. Et in domo fratrum Predicatorum ii quart. bras' et dim. dragett' pro viis. viid. Vnde Rob. clericus balliui respondebit.

Anno xx. Contigit [Oct. 4, 1326] circa mediam noctem quod cum homines domini Henrici Comitis Lancastrie fecerunt vigiliam pro malefactoribus venientibus ad villam, hiis per villam euntibus, attinxerunt plures ignotos venientes cum equis versus abbatiam Leycestrie, qui petierunt ab eis, cum quo essent? et alii maliciose respondentes dixerunt quod fuerunt cum Hugone Comite Wyntonie: postea predicti vigilatores ipsos sequebantur vsque ad portam abbacie Leycestrie vt ab eis magis scire voluerunt, et petierunt ab eis ingressum. Et ipsi statim eis ingressum denegauerunt et incepterunt sagittare ad eos, et vnus eorum nomine Will. de Roughford sagittauit Hugonem Baret in pectore. (The slayer fled; no chattels; not in tithing as a stranger.)

A quarter of drage-malt¹ for 2s. A trough for 1s.; two chests for 1s., a small boiler for 6d. And in the house of the Friars Preachers 2 quarters of malt and half of draget for 7s. 7d., whereof Robert, clerk of the bailiff, will answer.

In the 20th year. It chanced about midnight that when the men of Sir Henry, Earl of Lancaster, made watch for evil-doers coming to the town, going through the town they met many unknown men coming with horses to the Abbey of Leicester, who asked of them, with whom might they be? and the others answering maliciously said that they were with Hugh, Earl of Winchester²: afterwards the said watchmen followed them as far as the gate of the Abbey of Leicester so that they might learn more from them, and they asked admission from them. And they immediately refused them admission, and began to shoot at them, and one of them by name W. of Rufford shot Hugh Baret in the breast.

¹ See p. 125.

² I.e. Hugh le Despenser; the men he sent were under Sir John de Vaus, and the Earl of Leicester besieged them at night in the abbey, in defending the interests of the young prince Edward. See Knighton in Twysden col. 2546, *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1326, and Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 112—3.

CALENDAR OF CHARTERS.

i. Box 11, No. 5. (c. 1232.) Grant from John son of Walter the Wheelwright (Rotarius) to William of St Lo, in return for his homage and service, of an annual rent of 20*d.* and a capon, from Will. Brunman and his heirs; with their homage and service, and all the profits and reliefs thence proceeding, i.e. from a certain piece of land in the suburb of Leicester outside the North Gate, which lies between the grantor's land and that of his father, for a rent of one arrow at Christmas in lieu of all services. W. de St Lo paid 11*s.* in recognition. Witnesses, Brian the Forester, John Friday, Robert Warin, reeve, John Geoffrey's son, Will. Pipaunt, Walter of the Churchyard (de Cimiterio), Ric. the Merchant (le Marchaunt), Alex. Costeyn, Will. the Villain (le Vilein), Sim. Turk, Dickon the Wheelwright (le Roer), Herbert the Red (le Rus), Laurence the clerk and many others. [Seal: S. J(o)h^s Roer.]

ii. No. 6. Grant from Hugh Geoffrey's son to Herbert the Red (Ruffus), in return for his homage and service, of all the land which Herbert's father held of Hugh's ancestors outside the North Gate next the land of Rob. Curlevach as it is contained (se continet) in length and breadth: rent in lieu of services 2*s.* of silver: Hugh paid 3 marks of silver in recognition. Witnesses, Simon Curlevach, Alderman of Leicester, Hugh Task, reeve, Nic. Rum, Alex. Costein, Walt. Brunman, Walt. of the Chamber (de Camera), Rob. Curlevach, Sim. Turk, Alex. of Benwick, Will. Wheelwright, Greg. Makepeace, Rob. Humman, Laur. the clerk. In the Portmanmoot. [Seal: S. Hugonis fil. Galf.]

iii. No. 7. Release from Ivo son of Ric. Palmer to Roger of Ketton of the homage and service of Robert the leech, due for the tenements which he held in Fullers' Street¹, i.e. for the tenement which

¹ In vico fullonum, Walker Lane, now Soar Lane.

belonged to Simon the son of Srone (*sic*) $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a year, and for the tenement which he holds of the grantor's fee next the grantor's land, $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a year: Roger paid 2*s.* of silver for the quitclaim. Witnesses, Simon Curlevach, Alderman of Leicester, Willard the reeve, John Geoffrey's son, Alex. Costeyn, Will. of the Churchyard, Sim. Turk, Rob. Warin, John Richard's son, Walt. of Northampton, Nic. the Burgess, Eustace Walter's son, Laur. the clerk and others.

iv. No. 8. Grant from Simon Balethouse of Barrowby (Berwby) to Will. of St Lo, burgess of Leicester, of 4*s.* 6*d.* of annual rent received from certain lands in the parish of St Nicholas, i.e. from the heirs of Robert Baldwin's brother, of Sharnford, 20*d.* for a certain land lying between Geoffrey of Huncote's and Hugh of Stoughton's, and from Ric. of Benwick 14*d.* for a certain land which was Hugh of Stoughton's lying between that which was Hugh Adam's son's and Walter Long's; and from the heirs of Laur. the Skinner (pelliparius) 20*d.* for a certain land lying between that which was Walter Long's and Robert the Convert's (le cunuers), with all the escheats, reliefs, and issues from the said tenants and lands. Rent in return for all services a pair of white gloves price $\frac{1}{2}d.$ and an arrow in satisfaction at Easter. William paid 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks of silver for the grant. Witnesses, Sim. Curlevach, Alderman of Leicester, Willard the reeve of Leicester, Peter Roger's son, Ralph of Swepston, Geoff. of Benwick, H. of "Librie," Hugh his son and others.

v. No. 9. Grant from Will. Loveman to the same of 12*d.* of rent and one capon yearly, received from Griffin, son of William of Warley, and Griffin's homage and service, and all the issues, escheats and reliefs thence proceeding, i.e. from a certain land lying in St Martin's parish between that of Walter of Worcester and that of John Dragon, for a rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ at Easter. William paid 10*s.* sterling for the grant. Witnesses, Simon Curlevach, Alderman of Leicester, Willard and Robert of Houghton, reeves of Leicester, Ralph of Swepston, Walter Brownman, Richard of Blaby, Geoffrey of Benwick, Will. the Welshman, Robert the chaplain and others.

vi. Vellum Book No. 39. [Nov. 7, 1233.] A fourteenth century copy of Henry III.'s charter granting to John Earl of Chester and Huntingdon liberties in the county of Huntingdon. It has the extraordinary beginning "Henricus dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitannie, Comes Andegauye, princeps Wallye." Edward I.'s inspection is printed in Nichols I. i. App. p. 45.

vii. Box 11, No. 11. [c. 1250.] Release from Silverun

daughter of Robert the Villain (le Vilen), formerly wife of Henry the Goldsmith, in her free widowhood, to Ralph of Swepton of her right in the land which she inherited from Robert the Villain, her brother, which lies between that of Alice, daughter of Silverun, and that of Geoff. the Cuning (le Coning), together with sixpenceworth of rent and two capons with homages and reliefs accruing from the land of the said Alice daughter of Silverun, in return for a rent to Rob. of [Child's] Wickham (Wikewane¹) of 4*d.* and 4 capons, paying at Candlemas 1½*d.*, at Whitsuntide 1½*d.*, at Michaelmas 1*d.*, at Christmas 4 capons, and paying also to Robert Richard's son of Leicester 6*d.* (at the three terms named above). Ralph paid for the quitclaim 40*s.* and a half quarter of wheat. Witnesses, Will. of St Lo and Peter Roger's son, Mayors of Leicester, Willard of Lincoln and Robert of Stoughton, reeves, Hen. Costeyn, Laur. Silverun, Ric. of Blaby, Sim. Dayret, Roger the Goldsmith, Ralph Page, Robert Griffin and many others. (Fragment of seal.)

viii. [Missing. Printed in the Hist. MSS. Com. Report². July 4. 1261.] Grant from Felicia of Benwick, daughter of Roger of Sallow (?), widow of Alexander of Benwick, to her daughter Aveline, of her right in a messuage in All Saints' parish, outside the North Gate, between William Parson's (Persun) land and land sometime Gregory Makepeace, her brother's, and in all the lands which Walter of the Chamber (de Camera) took in marriage with Felicia's sister Matilda. Witnesses, Henry of Ruddington, Mayor, Richard of Campden, reeve, Alexander Debonair, Nicholas the Burgess, Robert of Peatling, William Sixandtwenty, William of Newcastle, Robert of Loughborough, Richard of Shilton, Simon Sixandtwenty, Andrew of Whatborough, Walter the clerk and others.

ix. Box 11, No. 26. [Jan. 8, 1263.] Grant from John of [Ashby] Foleville to Reginald son of Geoffrey of Gaddesby and Cecilia his wife for his homage and service, of a toft in the vill of Gaddesby and 6 roods of arable land in the Field of the said vill, i.e. the toft and 4 roods and a half of land which John bought of Robert of Foleville, and 1½ roods which John bought of Robert Stobing of John's fee. To belong to Reginald and Cecilia's assigns, except men of religion and Jews, and excepting Henry chaplain of Rearsby and his brothers (except Geoffrey). In return for a rent of 4*s.* paid at the three terms in the year³, for all secular services, customs and demands

¹ Gloucestershire.

² Eighth Report, part I., p. 407.

³ Candlemas, Whitsuntide, Michaelmas, the three customary Leicester terms.

of suit of court, saving two appearances a year, i.e. at Easter, and at Michaelmas, saving the forinsec service¹, so far as it belongs to the keeping of court, and saving ward, reliefs, escheats, when they happen. Witnesses, Henry of Nottingham, Ralph the Chamberlain, Godfrey de Neville, Henry the son of Reginald of Gaddesby, Henry Geoffrey's son, Robert Geoffrey's son, Geoffrey Donewold, Geoffrey the Carpenter, William Aimerey and others. [Seal: "...gill... de Foleville."]

x. Box 11, No. 22. [Feb. 14, 1265.] Grant from John Page and Cecilia his wife to Cecilia daughter of Alex. Le Debonair, of a piece of land which was Peter Walter's son's, and lies in Fullers' Street, between the land which was Hugh in-the-Marsh's and Will. Baldwin's, and it stretches from Will. Baldwin's land to Sim. Turk's. Rent 3*d.* at the three terms. Ten shillings for the grant paid beforehand. Witnesses, Henry of Ruddington, Mayor, Peter Blund and Will. the Welshman, reeves, Hen. Leffe, James Motun, Will. the Gardener, Will. Proudfoot, Nic. the Burgess, Sim. of Cotes, Alex. Persun, Rob. of Peatling, Will. of Kirby, Walter the clerk and others. [Seals: "S. Cecilie vx" and "S. Johannis...ti."]

xi. No. 23. [Feb. 15, 1267.] Grant from Roger of Sileby and Leticia his wife, daughter of Will. the Smith, to Will. Pile for his homage and service, of a certain piece of land lying between the North Gate of Leicester in Fullers' Street, between that street and the grantor's other land, in breadth 16 feet, and between the land of the grantee and Geoff. Kelke's land, in length 24 feet. Rent in return for all services 3*d.* annually, and on Midsummer Day a rose. Ten shillings for the grant paid beforehand. Witnesses, Henry of Ruddington, Mayor, Roger Bate and Will. of Blaby, reeves, Alex. Le Debonair, James Motun, Hen. Leffe, Alex. Persun, And. of Whatborough, Nic. the Burgess, Rob. of Peatling, Will. of Kirby, Sim. Keling, Tho. the Fleming, Ralph of Belgrave, Walter the clerk and others.

xii. Box 11, No. 28. [Date uncertain.] Grant from Agnes daughter of Richard the Red (Roys) to Henry son of Robert of Skeffington, for his service, of a certain land lying in the East Suburb on the Bereh(ill)² between the land which was William Charity's and Robert of Thurmaston's. She remits also those 3*s.* of

¹ *Hist. Eng. Law* i. 216-7, obligations of the tenement as distinct from obligations of the tenant.

² See note p. 308.

annual rent paid at the three terms usual in Leicester from a certain land which the said Richard her father sold to Hugh Shilton, with all the issues proceeding thence, which land lies outside the East Gate. The grant is for the term of Henry's life. Rent to the chief lords 4*d.*, and a hen or one penny. Witnesses, William of "Witheby," Joh. Dodeman, Ralph Costeyn, H. Humphrey's son, Rob. of Thurmaston, James Dorlot, Geoff. of Liddington, Rob. of Thurmaston junior, Roger Charity the clerk, and others.

xiii. Box 11, No. 30. [Dec. 21, 1272.] Grant from Nicholas the Burgess to his daughter Rose, for her service, of a certain land lying outside the North Gate in Fullers' Street, between the land which was Hugh in the Marsh's, and Geoffrey of Eyton's, and it stretches from the said street to other land of the grantor's, nine score feet in length; and he gave the said Rose also 12*d.*, and 2 hens and 1 cock and 1 whitecock (wytecoc), of rent from the aforesaid land which was Geoffrey of Eyton's, in return for an annual rent of 3 silver pennies, saving to himself free entry and exit of 3 feet in width upon the said land from Fullers' Street to his other lands, to cultivate and manure them as may be needful. Witnesses, Alex. Le Debonair, Mayor of Leicester, Will. Leffe and Rob. of Dalby, reeves, Walter the Brown, Alex. Persun, Will. Sixandtwenty, Sim. Keling, Will. of Newcastle, John of Daventry, Roger the clerk, and others.

xiv. Box 11, No. 31. [Feb. 22, 1273.] Grant from Elena, daughter of Nicholas of Kent of Leicester, to Ralph of Sutton in Leicester, for a certain sum paid beforehand, of a half acre of land lying in Knighton Field on "Blakewelle forlong" between land which was Will. Ode's and John Ode's, and it abuts on Blakewell sike¹: to hold from the chief lord of the fee. It may be given or sold to any, whether in sickness or in health, and must do the services due and accustomed from that portion of land yearly to the chief lord of the fee. Witnesses, John Crispin of Knighton, John Wisdom, Tho. Parlebon, Roger Henry, Roger of Evington, John Weneger, all of Knighton, Geoffrey the clerk, and others. [Fragment of seal.]

xv. Box 11, No. 27. [1275-6.] Release from John of Durham to Matilda, widow of Robert of Somerby, of an annual rent of one arrow owed by Matilda and Robert and received from a certain land

¹ Sike=ditch.

with buildings and appurtenances which the grantor sold to Robert and Matilda. It lies in the North suburb of Leicester in the parish of All Saints, between William le Bee's and Geoffrey Curlevache's land. Homage, service, reliefs and escheats and all manner of right in the land are quitclaimed ; 3s. paid beforehand. Witnesses, Walter the Brown, Mayor of Leicester, Peter Unfrey and Robert of Dalby, bailiffs, Will. Leffe, Will. Baldwin, Simon Wibern, Henry Costeyn, Ric. the Courteous, Roger the clerk, and others.

xvi. Box 11, No. 34. [? 1277-8.] Licence from Geoff. of Ketton to his proctors Geoff. the Baker and Will. Austin and their heirs to distrain on land outside the North Gate of Leicester in Fullers' Street, between Will. Baldwin's and Ivo of Stafford's land, stretching from the King's highway to land which the grantor sold to Geoff. the Baker, i.e. that which the grantor gave to Mary his sister, unless Mary or her heirs or assigns pay the whole rent at the terms usual in Leicester, as is witnessed in the grantor's charter to Mary. Witnesses, Will. Leffe, Mayor of Leicester, Will. the Englishman, and Tho. Gunfrey, then reeves, Will. of Newcastle, Ric. of Knighton, John of Daventry, Nic. the Burgess, Henry Keling, Ivo of Stafford, Rob. of Arnsby, Hugh of the Bakehouse (de le Baghus), Will. Sixandtwenty, Henry the clerk, and others.

xvii. Box 11, No. 36. [Same date.] Grant from Geoff. of Ketton to Geoff. the Baker and Alice his wife of a certain land outside the North Gate in Fullers' Street, between the land which was Will. of Kirby's, and Will. Baldwin's, and stretching from the land which the grantor sold to William Austin as far as the land of Ivo of Stafford, with free and sufficient entry and exit by the land which the grantor gave to Mary his sister, to cultivate the said land, and for a barrow (cenovectorio)¹ for manuring the said land whenever she would. In return for an arrow as annual rent. [Witnesses, as above, but Will. of Barrow, vicar of St Nicholas' church of Leicester, is added after the reeves.]

xviii. Box 11, No. 35. [Same date.] Release from Alice, widow of Roger of Ketton, in her free widowhood, to Geoffrey the Baker, for a certain sum paid beforehand, of all her right in the third part of a certain land under the name of her dowry, i.e. the third part of that land which the said Geoffrey bought of Geoffrey of Ketton

¹ See *Cath. Ang.*, p. 22.

her son, lying outside the North Gate of Leicester in Fullers' Street, between the land of Will. Austin and Ivo of Stafford's land, and so that in future Alice can exact nothing therefrom under the name of dowry. Witnesses, Will. Leffe, Mayor of Leicester, Will. the Englishman, and Tho. Gunfrey, reeves, Nic. the Burgess, Will. Sixandtwenty, John of Daventry, Ralph of Knighton, Ivo of Stafford, and others.

xix. Box II, No. 37. [Mar. 16, 1278.] Memorandum of a grant made in full morningspeech from Alice Dorlot, wife of Robert of "Elenefeld," to Hugh the Baker of "Anesa" and Alice his wife, of a certain land in the North suburb of Leicester, lying between Henry the Cooper's land and that which Will. — gave to the said Hugh and Alice. Rent one rose a year. Before Will. Leffe, then Mayor, John of Knightcote, Walter the Brown, Will. of Thringstone, John Flour, Roger of Chaddesden, then clerk of the community.

xx. Box II, No. 38. [Ap. 14, 1282.] Grant from Alan son of Nicholas the Burgess to John of Daventry of a certain part of the pavement which once belonged to the said Nicholas, on which Nicholas established his tenter (tentorium) which lies in the North suburb of Leicester, between the land which the grantor sold to the said John on one side and that which the grantor sold to Geoffrey the Baker, and the land of Felicia his sister on the other, and it stretches from the land of William Otter (Otyr) as far as the land which was Simon Turk's, in length ten score and four feet and in breadth, next the land of the said William Otter, 16 feet, and 9 feet next the land which was Simon Turk's. Saving to the grantor and Geoffrey the Baker and William of Newton, and Walter the grantor's brother and their heirs, free entry by the aforesaid part of the pavement from Fullers' Street, to manure their lands with a barrow (civera)¹ whenever necessary. Rent one clove; 5s. paid beforehand for the grant. Witnesses, Tho. Gunfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Adam of Marlow, bailiff, Will. Sixandtwenty, Will. of Newcastle, Simon Keling, Hugh of the Bakehouse (Pistrina), John Little (Petit), Henry Keling, Roger the clerk, and others. [Seal: "S. Alani...Burgeys."]

xxi. Box II, No. 40. [Dec. 9, 1282.] Grant from Richard son of Matilda Seale, chaplain, to Tho. Gunfrey of Leicester, of one half-acre of arable land lying in Leicester South Field, between the hedge

¹ See Riley II. 2, p. 792.

(divisa) of the lord Earl of Leicester on one side and the land of Henry Goscelin on the other towards Peatlinggate, and stretching as far as the Row dyke¹, for a rose as rent; 60s. of silver paid beforehand. Witnesses, Adam of Marlow, bailiff of Leicester, Will. the Englishman, John of Knightcote, Tho. the Rider, John the Red, Will. of Claybrook, Ric. the Lord (le Loverd), Nic. of Othorpe, Will. Martin, Hen. of Coventry, Ralph Osmund, John Warplock, Tho. of Thorpe, Gilb. Wade, Will. le Marwe, Hen. Goscelin, Ivo of the Chamber, the clerk, and others. [Seal: "...Leicest'."]

xxii. Box 11, No. 41. [Mar. 12, 1284.] Grant from Alex. Persun to Will. the Fleming of a certain land lying in the parish of All Saints, between the land of Walter the Cooper and that which was Will. of Ruddington the farrier's (marescallus), 11 feet in breadth, and stretching from the grantee's land to the grantor's, 21 feet in length. Rent, a rose; 8s. paid beforehand. Witnesses, Tho. Gunfrey, Mayor, Rob. of Dalby, bailiff, Walt. the Brown, John of Daventry, Will. Sixandtwenty, Will. of Newcastle, Rob. Gerin, Walt. the Cooper, Tho. Funke, Roger the clerk, and others.

xxiii. Box 11, No. 53. [? 1283-4.] Grant from Robert son of Alan the Wheelwright (Rotarius) to Ralph son of Richard the hairwright² (le Hayrewritte) of a certain land lying in the North suburb on the highway which leads to the North bridge, between the land of the Abbot of Leicester and the grantor's own land, in breadth 19 feet, and stretching from the said road to the grantor's land in length 8 score feet, as measures and divisions by the view of good men were thereto assigned and placed. Paying annually to the Earl of Leicester a rent of 18*d.* and one capon; 15*s.* of silver paid beforehand. Witnesses, Thos. Gunfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Robert of Dalby (Daunby), bailiff, Alex. Parson, John of Daventry, Ric. Gerin, Geoff. the Baker, Simon Keling, Will. Sixandtwenty, John the painter, Rob. of Loughborough (Lucterburg), Roger Charity, clerk, and others.

xxiv. Box 11, No. 42. [Feb. 19, 1286.] Grant from the same to Rob. Gerin of a certain land lying outside the North Gate in the high road which leads to the North bridge between the land of Sir Peter Beloste and that which was Nic. the Burgess's. Rent, a rose on Midsummer Day, and to the Abbot of Leicester and the convent a rent of 2*s.* 6*d.* and 2 hens and 1 cock. A certain sum paid beforehand.

¹ The Rawdykes.

² Maker of hairs (cloth?), cf. *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 221, 488, *Cath. Ang.*, p. xlv.

Witnesses, Geoff. Mauclerk, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby, bailiff, John of Daventry, Will. Sixandtwenty, Will. of Newcastle, Will. the Fleming, Simon Keling, Geoff. the Baker (Le Bakere), Henry Keling, Will. of Ruddington, farrier (marescallus), Roger Charity, clerk, and others. [Seal, "S. Robertus...Alani."]

xxv. Box II, No. 43. [Aug. 11, 1286.] Grant from Elias, son of Walter of Leicester, to Ralph Michillove¹ of Leicester of 2 hens of rent paid at Christmas from the chief messuage which once was Will. of Belvirtoft's, lying in the East suburb of Leicester in the street which is called Humberstonegate between the land which was John Dodeman's and that which was John of Rolleston's; 2s. of silver paid beforehand. Witnesses, Geoff. Mauclerk, Mayor of Leicester, Will. the Englishman (le Engleys), Will. Baldwin, bailiffs, Peter Unfrey, Will. of Liddington¹, Ralph of Queniborough, John Charity, Tho. Abovetown, Will. of Rothley, Roger the clerk, and others.

xxvi. Box II, No. 44. [Dec. 5, 1288.] Grant from Emma, widow of Nicholas the Burgess, in her widowhood and full power, to Rose her daughter and John, Rose's son, and the heirs of the said John, of her chief messuage which once belonged to Simon Turk her father, lying in the North suburb of Leicester on the highway which leads to the North bridge, between the land which was Richard the Wheelwright's and that which was Roger the Cooper's (cuvar'). Also of 2s. 7d. rent, 2 hens and 1 cock, annual rent at the terms usual in Leicester, which she used to get from the land of Will. of Newcastle, lying in the said suburb between the land which was Ric. of Knighton's and that which was Will. Peronel's, and opposite the oven of the Earl of Leicester. Rent, a rose. In return for the grant Rose and her heirs shall find the grantor food and clothes and all else that is needful while she lives. And the said John shall be properly sustained for his life at the schools of clerks, and Rose swore this "tactis sacrosanctis." And at Emma's burial, Rose or her heirs or their executors shall find everything necessary for her body, or pay the expenses thereof. Witnesses, Thomas Gomfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby, bailiff, John Cagge, Alex. Parson, John Daventry, Will. Sixandtwenty, Simon Keling, Geoffrey the Baker, Richard Gerin, Simon Glyde, Henry Keling, Robert Gerin, Geoffrey the clerk, and others.

xxvii. Box II, No. 60. [? 1289-90.] Grant from the same to her daughter Felicia, of a certain messuage which descended to her

¹ One of the Bishop's tenants.

from Hawise Turk her mother, lying in the North suburb of Leicester on the highway which leads to the North bridge, between the land which was Edith of Wigston's (Wykyngiston) and the land which Warin the Slater (le sclatere) gave to maintain the masses of the Blessed Mary at the Church of St Martin, Leicester. It stretches from the said road to the ditch. Rent, as long as the grantor lives, 6s. of silver, and to her heirs on her death, 9d. Witnesses, Will. the Englishman (le Engleys), Mayor of Leicester, Adam of Marlow (Merlaw), bailiff, Will. Sixandtwenty, John of Daventry, Will. of Newcastle, Simon Keling, Ric. Gerin, Simon the Painter, Simon of Babden, Walter the Cooper (le Cuuer), the clerk, and others. [Seal of white wax, illegible.]

xxviii. Box II, No. 61. [Same date.] Grant from the same to her daughter Rose, for her service, of all that garden which once was Simon Turk's, the grantor's father, lying in the North suburb of Leicester between the land which was Alan the Wheelwright's and that which was Thomas of Warwick's, with a piece of land lying in the said suburb, between the said garden and the tenement, and stretching from Acedyke as far as the land which was Andrew the Burgess's, with sufficient entry by the lane which is called Acelane¹. Rent, a pair of white gloves at Whitsuntide. Witnesses as before, Will. of Newcastle, Ric. Gerin, Geoff. the Baker, Henry the Cooper, Roger Charity, the clerk, and others.

xxix. Box II, No. 68. [1291-2.] Grant from William Pille of Leicester to Hugh Pheasant and Marjory his wife of a certain piece of land outside the North Gate of Leicester, in Fullers' Street, lying between Henry Abbot's land and the land of the Hospital of St John of Leicester, and stretching in length from the said street to the land of Geoffrey Baker and the land which was Alexander Parson's. Rent, 6d. at the three terms usual in Leicester. Witnesses, Laurence le Seller, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby (Dauby), bailiff, Rob. Gerin, Will. Fleming, John of Belgrave, Walter the Cooper (le Cupere), Ralph Mildus, Thomas de Lue² and others.

xxx. Box II, No. 69. [1291-2.] Release from John of Whatton and his wife Katherine to Robert Gerin of Leicester of the rights which they had under the name of Katherine's dowry which fell to her after the death of Robert son of Alan the Wheelwright her late husband, i.e. in the third part of a messuage outside the North Gate

¹ Elsewhere written Asse Lane.

² Lew, Devon?

of Leicester, between the land which Peter Belost had of the gift of the said Robert¹, and the land of William of Ruddington, farrier (marescallus). Witnesses, Laurence the Seller, Mayor, Rob. of Willoughby, and Rob. of Dalby, bailiffs, Ric. Gerin senior, Ric. Gerin junior, Abraham of Evington, Will. Keling, Geoff. the Baker, Simon the Painter, Thomas de Lue, the clerk, and others.

xxx. Box 11, No. 58. [c. 1292.] Grant from William Pille of Leicester to Will. Fleming of Leicester of a piece of his land in the North suburb, that is in Fullers' Street, lying in breadth between the meadow which was once Nicholas the Burgess's and the land of Will. Baldwin, clerk, and stretching in length from Geoff. the Baker's land to John of Belgrave the smith's, to the common path which leads to the Soar². Rent, 3*d.* of silver to the church of St Margaret the Virgin, for tithe on the Vigil of Easter, instead of all earthly service; 4 marks of silver beforehand. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor, Robert of Dalby and Robert of Willoughby, bailiffs, Richard Gerin, Robert his brother, Geoffrey the Baker, Hugh of Skeffington, Henry Keling, Walter the Burgess, William Baldwin, Thomas the clerk, and many others.

xxxii. Box 11, No. 56. [c. 1292.] Grant from William Pille of Leicester to William Fleming and Amicia his wife, for a certain sum of money, of the moiety of all his land in Fullers' Street, i.e. 4 areas³ (eyras) lying together (similiter) between the land of William Baldwin and the grantor's in their breadth, and in length extending from the land of Geoffrey the Baker as far as the pathway which is called Beanacre (Beneacre). Rent to the church of the Blessed Margaret of Leicester, 2*d.* of silver. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor, Rob. of Dalby and Rob. of Willoughby then bailiffs, Rob. Gerin, Roger Somare, John of Belgrave, Geoff. the Baker, Peter the Tailor (Sissore), Thomas the clerk, and others.

xxxiii. Box 11, No. 57. [1292.] Grant from Juliana Drey of Knighton to Roger Laurence of Belgrave, for a certain sum paid beforehand, of all her land in the Field of Knighton, i.e. one half acre of land lying in Middleditch, next the land of Roger of Evington; one half acre in "Bollewellewro," next Thos. Parleben's land; one rood in Full-well-ditch (Folewellesike), next the land which was John

¹ Cf. Nos. xxiv. and xxxvi.

² See xlv.

³ See *New Eng. Dict.* under *area*, flat waste land near a town. Cf. also *Eies*, *eires* in *Shuttleworth Accounts*, glossary.

Edwin's; one half acre in Smalldoles, next the land of Agnes Gent; one half acre in the Breachditch (Breche sike), next the land of Richard Prenche; one rood towards the East meadow (Est medewe); two roods in Blackland (Blakelond), next the land of Robert Edwin; one half acre in the Breachditch, next the land of Robert Black (Blac); one rood in the Geldfurlong (Geldiswong), next the land of Richard Wyneger; two roods in the Horestonfurlong, next the land of Robert Edwin¹; one half acre in the Smoothhill (Smethehul), next the land of William Utting; one half acre on Elrenestubbs, next the land of Henry Goscelin; one half acre on Walter hirne², next the land of Reginald Gent; one half acre on Elrenestubbs, next the land of Roger Black; one half acre on Littlehill (Littilhul), next the land of the church; one half acre on Littlehill, next the land of Richard Prenche; one half acre on Longfurlong, next the land of Richard John's son; one half acre on Redcliff (Radeclif), next Roger the Little's (le littele) land; one half acre on Crowthornhill, next Roger the Little's land; one half acre on Gasefurlong; one rood on The Wegrams, next the land of Robert the Farrier (Ferour); one half acre on Stockwellditch (Stocwellsike), next Roger of Evington's land; one headland (forera) on Grimshill (Grimishul), next John of Galby's land; one half acre in the Highridgeway³ (Heyeriggeweye), next William Bette's land; two roods in the same furlong, next William Bette's land; one half acre in Stockwellditch, next Richard Wyneger's land. To be held of the chief lords of that fee, for the accustomed services. Warranty and sealing clauses. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, then Mayor of Leicester: Rob. of Dalby and Rob. of Willoughby, then bailiffs: John of Burton, Henry Morker, Nic. Hose, Will. of Braunston (Braunciston), Ric. Keling, Rob. Roger of Belgrave, Rob. of Sileby of the same; Ric. Wyneger of Knighton; Henry Goscelin, John Crispin senior, John Crispin junior, John Amicia's son; John Wisdom; Simon, clerk, and others.

xxxiv. Box 11, No. 51. [c. 1292.] Grant from Ralph son of Richard the hairmaker⁴ (le Heyrere) of Leicester to Matilda Rose of Barrow in free marriage, of a messuage with buildings in the parish of the Blessed Margaret of Leicester, outside the North Gate towards the watermill of St Leonard, between the land of the abbey of the Blessed Mary de Pratis of Leicester and the land of Robert of

¹ Note the cases of a recurrent sequence.

² Horn. Nook of land projecting into another district, parish or field. Forby, p. 157. *Market Harborough Records*, p. 172, note.

³ Or hedge?

⁴ See Hairwright in xxiii.

Whatton. To hold of the chief lord of the fee to the said Matilda and her heirs of her body lawfully begotten. Rent to the said chief lord of the fee, i.e. the lord Earl of Leicester, 18*d.* of silver and 1 capon at four terms in the year. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor, Robert of Dalby, bailiff, Richard Gerin, Gilbert Potman of Barrow, Thomas le Eyre of the same; Hakon "de Lows," Thomas the clerk, and others. [Fragment of seal.]

xxxv. Box 11, No. 52. [c. 1292.] Grant from William of Newton of Leicester to Robert of Stone¹ of Leicester, for a certain sum of money, of a certain land outside the North Gate of Leicester in Fullers' Street, lying between the land which was Hugh in the Marsh's and that which was William Baldwin's, and stretching from the land which was William Baldwin's to the land which was Simon Turk's. Rent 3 halfpence of silver. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor, Rob. of Dalby and Rob. of Willoughby, bailiffs, Ric. Gerin, Geoff. the Baker, Simon Keling, Hugh of Skeffington, Henry Keling, John the Farrier (le Marschal), John, clerk, and others. [Seal: "Willelmus de Neuton."]

xxxvi. Box 11, No. 45. [Nov. 14, 1292.] Grant from Roger Gerin of Leicester to Robert of Swebston with Joanna of Newton his wife in free marriage, for his services, of a messuage with buildings in the suburb of Leicester outside the North Gate, in the high road which leads to the North bridge of Leicester, lying between the land which Peter Beloste² had of the gift of Robert, son of Alan the Wheelwright, on one side, and the land sometime Nicholas the Burgess's. Paying to the chief lord of that fee the service due therefrom and the customs, i.e. to the lord Abbot of Leicester and the convent, or their successors, 2*s.* 6*d.* of silver and two hens and one cock, and to the grantor a rose. Failing heirs of the grantees, the land to return to the grantor. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby and Rob. of Willoughby, bailiffs, Ric. Gerin, Will. the Fleming, Simon Keling, Geoff. Baker, Will. of Ruddington, Thomas de Lue and others.

xxxvii. Box 11, No. 46. [Nov. 25, 1292.] Grant from William Norman of Leicester and Alice daughter of Ralph the Mercer, his wife, to John of Burton of Leicester and Agnes his wife, for 22 marks of silver, of a messuage with buildings in the parish of St Martin of Leicester, lying in breadth, at the North head and in

¹ ? Swebston, see the next.

² See above, p. 388.

the middle, between the land of Ralph of Sioncote and the churchyard of St Martin, and also in breadth at the South head between the land of the Blessed Mary and that of the said William Norman, and stretching in length from the land which was Geoffrey Spike's to the lane which leads to the church of the Friars Minors, i.e. that messuage which the aforesaid Ralph the Mercer had of the gift of William his brother in exchange. To hold from the chief lords of that fee, to the said John and Agnes and their heirs or any to whom they shall give it, in sickness or in health. Rent to the chief lords, i.e. the lord Abbot and the convent of St Mary de Pratis, 12*d.* of silver at the terms usual in Leicester, and 2 capons at Christmas, and to the grantors a rose. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby and Rob. of Willoughby, bailiffs, Will. the Englishman, Ralph of Sioncote, Laur. le Seler, Will. Baldwin, Adam of Braunston (Braunceston), John of London, clerk, and others. [Two seals: "S. Alicie Norman, rman."]

xxxviii. Box II, No. 47. [Feb. 22, 1293.] Release from Alan, son of Nicholas the Burgess of Leicester, to William the Fleming of Leicester, and William of Ruddington, farrier (mare-scallus), for a certain sum of money, of all his right in two shillings, three hens and one cock of annual rent, from a certain tenement which was Roger of Ketton's, outside the (North) Gate of Leicester in Fullers' Street, which lies between the land of William Baldwin clerk and that of Walter Burgess, and stretches from the said street to the Ace dyke which leads to the Soar. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Rob. of Dalby, bailiff, Sir William vicar of the church of All Saints, Ric. Gerin, Rob. Gerin, Tho. Fouke, Simon Keling, Tho. Keling, Hugh of Skeffington, John clerk and others. [Seal: "...Alani Burgeys" round a fleur-de-lys.]

xxxix. Box II, No. 48. [Mar. 28, 1294.] Release from John of Eyton to Geoffrey of Liddington¹ of his right in a messuage in the East suburb of Leicester in Gallowtreegate (Galtregate), and of a messuage lying between the land of Alice Nichol on one side and that which was once Hugh of Oadby's on the other, and stretching from the street on to the Gallowtreegate as far as the wall of Leicester. Witnesses, John of Burton, Ric. of Stapleton, John Steyn, Nic. Hose, John the Baxter, Will. of Liddington, Hen. of Bushby, Adam Scapelory the clerk, and many others.

¹ A Bishop's tenant, see p. 211.

xl. Box 11, No. 49. [1298-9.] Grant from James of Liège, merchant of Douai (Duaco), and Ellen his wife, to Sir Walter of Rading, clerk, of all that house which they had in the town of Leicester, i.e. that which once was Henry Costeyn's and is between the lane which leads to the Saturday Market on the North side, and the house of John of Knightcote which once was Matthew the Shoemaker's (le Corveiser) on the South side, and extends in length from the High Street of the said town to the wall of the close of the Friars Minors¹. For this grant Walter paid £20 sterling. Witnesses, Sir Robert Burdett knight, John of Holt, Steward of the honour of Leicester, Peter Omfrey, Mayor of Leicester, Richard of Coleshill, Thomas Gonfrey, William the Englishman, Nicholas Raven and others. [Seal of white wax, effaced.]

xli. Box 11, No. 50. [Feb. 1300.]² Grant from Richard son of Geoffrey the Baker of Leicester, to Robert Peter's son, (of land) outside the North Gate, lying between the land of William Bald(win) and Hugh of Skeffington's, and stretching from the land which was John of Daventry's as far as John Be's. Witnesses, William the Palmer (then Mayor), Tho. Gunfrey, Peter Gunfrey then bailiffs, Ric. Gerin, Simon Glyde, Hugh of Skeffington,...Henry Keling, Will. Keling, John of London, clerk, and others.

xl.ii. Box 11, No. 59. [Sep. 9, 1300.] Grant from John of Eaton, carpenter, to Robert of Swepston, of a messuage, lying outside the North Gate of Leicester between Richard Gerin's land and Henry the Hermit (Erremyte) and Felicia his wife's, stretching from the highway to the land of William Fleming. Witnesses, William the Palmer, Mayor of Leicester, Tho. and Peter Gunfrey, bailiffs, Ric. Gerin, John the Painter, Simon the Painter, Tho. Keling, Henry Keling, Hugh of Skeffington, John Marshall, John the clerk, and others. [Seal, two mascles fretted, no inscription.]

xl.iii. Box 11, No. 63. [c. 1300.] Grant from Henry, son of Ralph the Baker of Leicester, to Amicia of Rothley³, for payment beforehand, of a certain piece of land, lying in the East suburb, in the street called Humberstonegate between the land of Alice of Barkby and that of Cecilia, Thurstan's daughter, and extending from the said street as far as the common path in Kelingscroft. Rent, to

¹ See No. xlvii.

² Date illegible but noted on the back. The charter is almost effaced.

³ A Bishop's tenant.

maintain divine celebration of the glorious Virgin Mary in the church of the Blessed Margaret, 6*d.*, and a hen. Witnesses, William the Palmer, Mayor, Thomas and Peter Gumfrey, bailiffs; Geoffrey of Liddington¹, Nicholas Hose, Robert Hose¹, Robert of Holywell, Will. Morker¹, Roger Dodeman¹, Ric. Keling¹, Will. of Beeby, Ric. of Liddington, Patrick of Arnesby¹, Simon, the clerk, and others.

xliv. Box 11, No. 54. [Dec. 6, 1302.] Grant from Richard le Bere of Leicester to John the Black of Leicester, of a piece of land outside the East Gate, in Gosewellegate, lying between the grantor's land and that of the said John and stretching from the street to the town-wall. Also of a garden under the town-wall of Leicester as it lies inclosed by the walls, lying between the land of Geoffrey of Whelton and that which belonged to Thomas Legath. Witnesses, Thomas Gunfrey, Mayor, John and Nicholas of Burton, bailiffs, Ric. of Oadby (Hoverby²), Robert Hose, Will. of Braunston, Will. of the Wainhouse, Ric. Cagge, Walter of Liddington, William the cook (le Keu), John of London, clerk, and others. [Part of seal.]

xlv. Box 11, No. 62. [May 5, 1303.]³ Release from William Fleming of Leicester to Robert of Swepston and Matilda of Arnesby his wife, for a sum paid beforehand, of all his right in a piece of land⁴ in the North suburb of Leicester, in Fullers' Street, lying in width between the meadow which was once Nicholas the Burgess's, and the land once William Baldwin, clerk's, and stretching in length from the land once Geoffrey the Baker and John of Belgrave's as far as the common path which leads to the Soar. Rent 2*d.* of silver for tithe to the church of St Margaret. Witnesses, Thomas Gumfrey, Mayor, John of Burton and Nicholas (of Burton), (bailiffs), (Ric. Gerin) senior, Ric. Gerin junior, Robert Gerin, Thomas Keling, Hugh of Skeffington, John of Belgrave, Walter the Burgess, Thomas de Lue, the clerk, and others.

xlvi. Box 11, No. 64⁵. [March 24, 1305.] Release from Matilda widow of Richard...to...Swepston and...Burgess, of her right in a piece of land outside the North Gate, between the land of William Baldwin and that of Hugh of Skeffington, for 2*s.* 6*d.* paid beforehand. Witnesses, (? Roger) of Willoughby, Mayor, (Roger) of Glen, bailiff Robert and Richard Geryn,...Beeby and Hugh and others.

¹ A Bishop's tenant. See pp. 211, 326.

² See Curtis, *Topog. Hist.*

³ Badly damaged.

⁴ It is the piece described in xxxi.

⁵ Much damaged by damp.

xlvi. Box 11, No. 67. [March 2, 1306.] Grant from James of Liège¹ and Elena his wife to Walter, son of Henry of Bushby of Leicester and Amicia his wife, for a sum paid beforehand, of a messuage in the parish of St Martin's in the High Street, lying at the corner between the lane which leads to the church of the Friars Minors on one side and John of Knightcote junior's land on the other, and stretching from the street to the wall of the said Friars Minors. Witnesses, Roger of Willoughby, Mayor, Hugh the Mercer and Roger of Glen, bailiffs, Will. the Palmer, John of Knightcote, Laur. le Seller, Will. of Lyndrick, Adam of Braunston, Henry of Bushby, Geoffrey of Braunston, Richard Amice, John of London, clerk, and others. [Two seals, of white wax, one fragmentary, the other nearly legible.]

xlvi. Box 11, No. 66. [? Same date.] Quitclaim from William son of James of Liège, to the same, of rights in the same land. The same witnesses. [Seal effaced.]

xlix. Box 13, No. 70. [Feb. 12, 1313.] Quitclaim from Casandria (*sic*), widow of Adam of Evington, in Leicester, to William of Gaddesby of Leicester, chaplain, for a sum of money, of all her right in a piece of land sometime the orchard of Richard Gamyl of Leicester, lying in the East suburb, between 'Plouman lane' and the land of Alicia Drury, and stretching from the land sometime John of Burton's of Leicester, to the land which William, called the cook, of Sibleby, bought of Robert Doune. Witnesses, John Alsby, Mayor, Roger of Glen, bailiff, Will. of the Wainhouse, Master John Glyde, Ralph Cokynbred, Robert the Porter, Nic. of Knaptoft, John of Stoke, Robert the clerk, and others. [Seal broken, inscribed—r. de Eui—.]

l. Box 13, No. 71. [July 30, 1316.] Grant from Henry Fairgirdle and Leticia his wife, of Leicester, to Will. of Clip[s]ton of Leicester, of a half-acre of land in Leicester South Field, on the furlong (super culturam) called Gallowtree² (Galtre) furlong, on either side of Oadby way, between the land of Amicia Peke and the land sometime Nicholas of Othorpe's, stretching from the Countess's land to the land sometime Richard of Seale's. Witnesses, John Alsby, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Will of the Wainhouse,

¹ Merchant of Douay, see xl.

² See map.

John of Liddington, Ric. of Hoby, Henry of Bushby, Ric. of Clipston, Stephen the clerk, and others.

li. Box 13, No. 72. [Sep. 22, 1316.] Quitclaim from Margery late the wife of Will. of Lutterworth, in Leicester, to Matilda of Sibleby, in Leicester, of all her right in a messuage in the weekly market, lying between Henry Sabyne's land and Robert the Usher's. Witnesses, John Alsy, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Will. of Lindrick, Hugh the Mercer, Rob. the Usher, Rob. Curteys, Hen. Sabyne, John at the Mill, Stephen the clerk, and others.

lii. Box 13, No. 73. [Nov. 5, 1316.] Grant from John Peke of Leicester to Thomas Marow of Leicester of a half-acre of arable land in Leicester South Field, between the Countess's land and Nic. the Master's, stretching from the Rawdykes (le Roughdike) across Peatlingway to the furlong (quarentena) which leads to the windmills (versus molendina ventatica). To hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, John Alsy, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, John of Knightcote, John of Coventry, Ric. Marow, Will. of Welham, Ric. Osemund, Ralph of Sutton, Stephen the clerk, and others.

liii. Box 13, No. 74. [Sep. 4, 1317.] Grant from Roger Dodeman¹ to Isabella of Somerby of Leicester of a messuage with buildings and stable in the East suburb, in the street called Humberstonegate, with free entry and exit through his chief messuage when the buildings need repairs or roofing. The messuage is situated between his gate and court on the one side, and Roger of Gaddesby's tenement, where he dwells, on the other, and stretches from the said street to his granary. To hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, John Alsy, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Robert Hose, John of Norton, Will. of Goadby, John of Sallow, Hugh of Braunston, Roger of Braunston, Richard of Weldon, Robert Drury the clerk, and others.

liv. Box 13, No. 75. [Ap. 10, 1318.] Quitclaim from Henry son of John of Grescote of Leicester, to Ric. of Swepstun of Leicester and Alice his wife, of all his right in a piece of land without the North Gate between the land of the lord Abbot of Leicester and the land of the aforesaid Richard. Witnesses, John Marewe, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Rob. Geryn, Thomas Geryn, Thomas

¹ A Bishop's tenant.

Keling, Nic. of Farndon, Robert of Haddon, John Burgess the clerk, and others. [Seal, white wax.]

lv. Box 13, No. 77. [Oct. 18, 1318.] Grant from Walter of Berethorp to Ric. of Swepston of Leicester and Alice his wife, of a piece of land without the North Gate between the land of the Abbot of Leicester and the land of the said Richard, stretching from the royal way to the land of Rose the Burgess. To hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, Will. of the Wainhouse, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Hugh of Skeffington, Thomas Keling, Henry of Skeffington, Ric. of Skeffington, Rob. Sire, Rob. of Tutbury, Rob. of Haddon, and others.

lvi. Box 13, No. 78. [Feb. 25, 1322.] Grant from Walter of Bushby, of Leicester, to Elena his daughter, of two messuages in the town of Leicester, between the messuage of John of Huncote on the one side, and the churchyard of St Martin on the other, and stretching from the lane which leads to the Saturday Market, to the messuage of Alan Chirrey, for 3*d.* a year rent, and services to the chief lord of the fee. Witnesses, John le Marwe, Mayor, Will. of Lindrick, John Alsy, Peter of Kent, Geoff. of Staunton, John at the Mill, Alan Chirrey, Robert the clerk, and others.

lvii. Box 13, No. 79. [Aug. 23, 1322.] Release from Ralph son of Ralph Gilbert's son, to Sir John of Ayleston, chaplain, of 3*d.*, the annual rent of a tenement in Le Skeyth¹, between the tenement of Roger Wimpole on the one side and the tenement of Matilda Six-andtwenty on the other, and stretching from the said road to the common footpath (semitam). Witnesses, Robert (*sic* for John) Marow, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Will. Whiteby, Peter Umfrey, Roger of Oadby, Geoff. of Liddington, John Glyde, and others.

lviii. Box 13, No. 80. [Nov. 5, 1322.] Quitclaim from William, son and heir of Hugh Robert of Fleckney, to Walter of Bushby, of a messuage and two virgates of land in Fleckney, which the said Walter has of his gift and feoffment. Witnesses, Robert of Gaddesby, Robert of Croxton, Robert of Saddington, Will. Hauberk, Will. of Keythorpe, John of Tilton, Hugh of Bewick, and others. Given at York. [Endorsed, Istud scriptum irrotulatur coram Rege, termino incipiente S. Michaelis, anno XVI. rot. LXXXXIIII.]

¹ Or Sanvey gate, see Nichols vol. II. part ii. p. 532. Compare the use of Skeith in Wickham-Skeith (Suffolk).

lix. Box 13, No. 81. [Mar. 20, 1323.] Quitclaim from Athelina, relict of Robert of Roudon, to Robert Burgess of Leicester, of all her right in a messuage in the North suburb of Leicester, sometime Felicia Burgess, her mother's. Witnesses, Will. of Seale of Leicester, Robert of Northampton of Leicester, Thomas of Markfield, Ric. of Swepston, Hugh of Mountsorrel, of Leicester. [Seal, illegible.]

lx. Box 13, No. 82. [May 17, 1325.] Grant from Richard of Swepston, of Leicester, to Ralph the Groom, of Leicester, of a shop in the High Street of Leicester in the cordwainers' row (in *rengia allutariorum*), situate between the tenement sometime Roger the Porter's and Peter of Kent's tenement; to be held from Whitsuntide 18 Ed. II. for four years, paying yearly 7*s.* in equal portions at the terms customary in Leicester, and to do the accustomed services to the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses, John Alsy, Mayor, Walter of Bushby, bailiff, Richard the Nailer (le Claver), bailiff, John of Norton, Adam of Braunston, Will. of Southfolk, Stephen the clerk, and others.

LIST OF MAYORS, BAILIFFS, ETC.

1251—1327.

This list is compiled from the names of the Mayors and Bailiffs as witnesses to charters, and from the names given in the rolls, with a few additions from other records. The term of office was from Sept. 29 in one year to Sept. 29 in the following.

MAYORS.		BAILIFFS OR REEVES.
A.D.		
1250—1?	Will. de St Lo } see Calendar Pet. fil. Rogeri } vii.	
1251—2	Pet. fil. Rogeri	
1252—3	" " "	Roger de Ekden. Ricardus ¹
1253—4	" " "	Ric. de Campeden ²
1254—5	" " "	
1255—6	" " "	
1256—		Ricardus ¹
1257 Feb.	Barthol. de Dunstaple custos maioritatis Alex. le Debonair attornatus Bartholomei	
1258 Jan. 23.	Hen. de Rodington appointed	
Mar. 1.	He entered office	
1259—60	Hen. de Rodington	
1260—1	" " "	Ric. de Campeden
1261—2	" " "	
1262—3	" " "	Pet. Blund
1263—4	" " "	
1264—5	" " "	Pet. Blund. Will. Waleys
1265—6	" " "	
1266—7	" " "	Rog. Bate. Will. de Blaby
1267—8	" " "	
1268—9	" " "	
1269—70		

¹ Probably de Campeden.

² *Abbrev. Plac.* p. 134.

A.D.			
1270—1	Alex. le Debonair	Hen. de Rodington. Rog. Bate ¹	
1271—2	" " "	Will. Leffe. Rob. de Dalby	
1272—3	" " "	Rob. de Dalby. Pet. Unfrey	
1273—4	" " "	" " " " "	
1274—5	" " "	Will. le Engleys. Adam de Merlaw	
1275—6	Walt. le Bron	Will. le Engleys. Tho. Gunfrey	
1276—7	Will. Leffe		
1277—8	" "		
1278—9	Will. le Engleys		
1279—80	" " "		
1280—1	" " "	Adam de Merlaw	
1281—2	Tho. Gunfrey	" " "	
1282—3	" "	" " "	
1283—4	" "	Rob. de Dalby	
1284—5	Galf. Mauclerk	" " "	
1285—6	" "	Will. le Engleys. Will. Baldwin	
1286—7	" "	? Tho. le Rider. Tho. de Bracina	
1287—8	Adam de Merlaw ²	Will. le Engleys. Will. Baldwin ²	
1288—9	Tho. Gunfrey	Rob. de Dalby	
1289—90	Will. le Engleys	Adam de Merlaw	
1290—1	Tho. Gunfrey		
1291—2	Laur. le Celer, Seller	Rob. de Dalby. Rob. de Willoughby	
1292—3	Tho. Gunfrey	" " " " "	
1293—4	" "		
1294—5	Rob. de Willoughby		
1295—6	" " "		
1296—7			
1297—8		Roger de Glen	
1298—9	Pet. Oumfrey	Tho. Gunfrey. Laur. le Seller	
1299—1300	Will. le Palmer	Adam de Evington. Nic. de Kent	
1300—1	" " "	Pet. Oumfrey. Tho. Gunfrey	
1301—2	Rob. de Willoughby	Rob. de Willoughby	
1302—3	Tho. Gunfrey		
1303—4	Will. le Palmer	Joh. de Burton. Nic. de Burton	
1304—5	Rog. ³ de Willoughby	Hugo le Mercer. Rog. de Glen.	
1305—6	" " "	[Nic. de Burton ⁴	
1306—7	Joh. Cagge ⁵	Rog. de Glen. Hugo le Mercer	
1307—8	Laur. le Seller	" " "	
1308—9	Joh. Cagge	" " "	
1309—10	Joh. Alsy	" " "	
1310—1	" "	" " "	
1311—2	" "	" " "	Walt. de Bushby ⁶
1312—3	" "	" " "	

¹ Cf. p. 111, note.³ Called also Rob.² *Cart. Ant.* II. B. 1949.⁴ Cf. pp. 288 and 368.⁵ Called also le Marwe, cf. pp. 252 (and Additions and Corrections) and 269.⁶ So Nichols IV. ii. App. 556.

A.D.

1313—4	Walt. de Bushby
1314—5	Joh. de Knightcote
1315—6	Joh. Alsly
1316—7	" "
1317—8	Joh. le Marwe
1318—9	Will. del Waynhous
1319—20	Pet. de Kent
1320—1	" " "
1321—2	Joh. le Marwe
1322—3	Joh. de Norton
1323—4	" " "
1324—5	Joh. Alsly
1325—6	" "
1326—7	Joh. de Norton
1327—8	Joh. Alsly

Walt. de Bushby

"	"	"	
"	"	"	Ric. le Claver
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	Ric. le Claver

OTHER OFFICERS.

RECEIVERS.

A.D.

1288—9	Adam de Braunston
1290—1	Rad. de Hodings
1291—2	Joh. de Kent
1296—7	Rob. de Scharneford
1299—1300	Adam de Braunston
1300—1	" " "
1301—2	Joh. Alsly
1302—3	" "
1303—4	" "
1304—5	" "
1305—6	Pet. Lomb
1309—10	Will. de Scheil
1310—1	" " "

SERJEANTS.

A.D.

1307—8	Tho. Ernald
1309—10	" "
1310—1	Will. de Foxton
1311—2	" " "
1312—3	Tho. Ernald
1313—4	" "
1314—5	" "
	Hug. de Peckleton
1315—6	" " "
1317—8	" " "
1318—9	" " "

CLERKS.

1261—2	Walterus
1262—3	Hen. Griffin
1264—5	Walterus
1266—7	"
1272—3?	Galfridus
1275—6	Rogerus
1276—8?	Henricus
1277—8	Rog. de Chaddesden
1281—2	Rogerus
	Tho. Abovetun

1282—3	Tho. Abovetun
	Ivo de Camera
1283—4?	Rog. Caritas
1285—6	Rogerus
1288—9	Galfridus
1289—90?	Rog. Caritas
1291—2	Tho. de Lue
1292—3	" " "
	Joh. de London
1293—4	Adam Scapelory

A.D.	
1299—1300	Johannes Simon
1302—3	Joh. de London Tho. de Lue
1305—6	Joh. de London
1307—8	Rog. de Stow
1309—10	Adam Scapelory
1310—1	„ „
1311—2	„ „
1312—3	„ „

A.D.	
	Robertus
1313—4	Adam Scapelory
1314—5	Petrus
1315—6	„ Stephanus
1316—7	„ Rob. Drury
1317—8	Joh. Burgeys
1321—2	Robertus
1324—5	Stephanus

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES¹.

1295	Rad. Norman
Nov. 12 ²	Rob. de Scharneford
1301	Joh. de Knytecote
Jan. 20	Rog. de Glen
1302	Ric. de Donyntone
Sep. 29	Rog. de Glen
1305	Will. le Palmer
Feb. 16	Hugo le Mercer
1306	Hugo le Mercer
May 30	Joh. de Knytecote
1307	Rad. Norman
Jan. 20	Hen. de Carleton
1307	Will. de Lyndrich
Oct. 13	Will. le Palmer
1309	Walt. de Bredon
April 27	Tho. de Thurmaston
1311	Will. Lyndrich
Nov. 12	Rob. de Leycestria, clericus
1313	Joh. de Stocton
Sep. 23	Will. de Benham
1314	Rog. de Pickering
Sep. 9	Will. le Palmer
1315	Sim. de Lindrich
Jan. 20	Will. le Palmer

1316	Will. de Rodyngton
Jan. 27	Will. le Palmer, junior
1318	Will. le Palmer, junior
Oct. 20	Tho. Fox
1319	Will. le Palmer
May 6	Joh. de Derby
1320	Rad. de Burton
Oct. 6	Joh. le Blake
1321	Will. de Rodyngton
July 15	Will. fil. Ricardi de Kaythorpe
1322	Joh. de Derby
May 2	Galf. de Staunton
1322	Walt. de Busseby
Nov. 14	Rad. de Burton
1323	Walt. de Busseby
Feb. 23	Will. de Rodyngton
1325	Will. de Rodyngton
Nov. 18	Will. de Kilneworth
1326	Rob. de Stretton
Dec. 14	Hen. Merlyn
1327	Joh. fil. Henrici de Leycestria
Sep. 15	Joh. Geryn

¹ From the *Writs of Parliament*.² Date of summons.

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¹ See the *Babees' Book*, ed. Furnivall, p. 6. A powder of ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg.
² Cf. R. S. Ferguson's *Kendal Records* p. 85, on the process of cloth-dighting. It is to be dressed throughout alike, "in cotton nopp or frese," and the penalty is named for cloth insufficiently "*cottoned*, noppid or fresed."

³ Throughout the word should be translated cask-full.

⁴ To the note add a reference to *Hist. Eng. Law* 11. 517-8 (first edition).

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¹ On "pers-blew" see p. 582 of the 6th Report of the Hist. MSS. Com.

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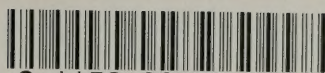
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